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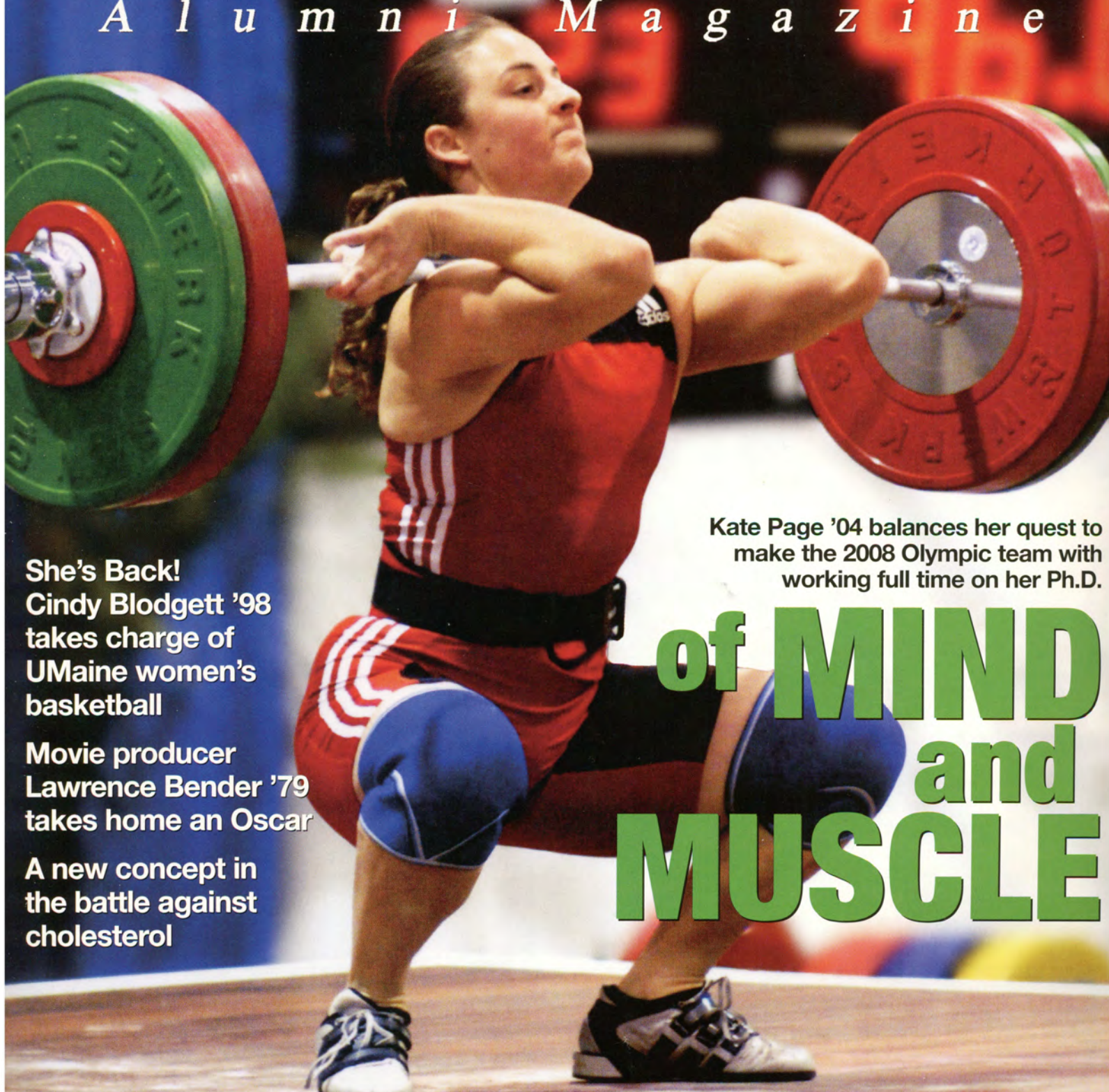
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Cover photograph of Katharine Page at the 2006 American Open Weightlifting Championships by Steve Fauer Photography.

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### \$1.5 Million for UMaine Bioproduct Research

The Department of Energy recently awarded the University of Maine \$1.5 million to advance the university's ongoing efforts to develop methods for converting biomass from Maine's forests into fuels and valuable chemicals. The state will now contribute 50 percent in matching funds to the multi-faceted project.

The money will be added to the \$6.9 million the Forest Bioproducts Research Initiative received as part of a National Science Foundation award in 2006.

UMaine's initiative will bring together scientists from educational institutions and businesses across the state to develop new and efficient methods for transforming waste products from paper processing and other wood-based enterprises into fuels, plastics, and other materials.

"Forest biomass, including logging residue, pulp mill residue, and spent liquors from pulp mills, hogfuel, and sawdust, represent a significant renewable resource in Maine," said Hemant Pendse, chair of chemical and biological engineering at UMaine.

"Efficient use of this resource will help us save Maine jobs and build new businesses. New technologies coming out of the university laboratories will help us to advance forest biorefinery deployment in Maine."

## UMaine Graduates 1,950 on May 12

The University of Maine awarded 1,950 degrees during split morning and afternoon ceremonies at the Alford Arena on May 12.

During the morning session, Robert Edwards, president emeritus of Bowdoin College, addressed the new graduates. Edwards was later awarded an honorary UMaine degree. Bestselling author Tess Gerritsen was the speaker for the afternoon commencement ceremony.

Three UMaine alumni also received honorary degrees. Native American scholar Nicholas Smith '50 was recognized for his work documenting the history of the Native peoples of Maine and neighboring states. And Richard '48 and Middie Cohen Giesberg '47 were honored for their numerous humanitarian efforts both in their home city of Los Angeles and around the world.

The Class of 2007 valedictorian was



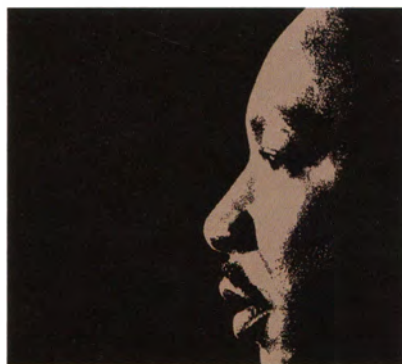
Erik Perkins of Albion, Maine. An honors college graduate, he plans to pursue a Ph.D. in theoretical physics. Class salutatorian was Durham, Maine, native and engineering school graduate David Lapointe. He has already landed a job with Goss International in Dover, New Hampshire.

## Memorial Planned to Honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

At the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day breakfast on January 15, UMaine president, Robert Kennedy, expressed his belief that universities should be places that celebrate the ideals of America's greatest civil rights leader.

To help turn that belief into a reality, Kennedy announced plans for the university to create a memorial to King on the UMaine campus. Final location and design for the memorial are still being worked on, but Kennedy said he envisions the memorial to include plaques with some of King's most inspirational quotes.

Kennedy noted that universities should



work hard to exemplify diversity, compassion, peaceful discourse, and meaningful discourse among all people—ideals that were central to King's philosophy.

"The most important and fundamental principle of any university is inclusiveness

and open discourse, which leads to the free exchange of ideas, mutual understanding, and mutual respect," Kennedy said.

Also attending the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day breakfast were Governor John Baldacci '86, Senator Susan Collins, and guest speaker the Reverend Forrest M. Pritchett.



## UMaine Celebrates its Equestrian Ambassador

**I**t was a grand birthday for UMaine's grand lady of harness racing. On April 25, the university's Witter Farm and the University Bookstore hosted a tenth birthday celebration for UMaine's very own racehorse, One Vine Lady. The event took place on the campus mall and featured a demonstration by the UMaine Drill Team.

One Vine Lady was foaled on April 6, 1997, and first raced in 1999. She has raced for every season since. In 146 lifetime races she has 27 wins, 35 places, and 19 shows. She continues to compete at Bangor Raceway, the Maine fair circuit, and Scarborough Downs. Her lifetime earnings of \$47,500 have helped to support UMaine's equine program and cover the cost of her training, boarding, feed, and veterinary expenses.



For the past five years, One Vine Lady has been trained and raced on behalf of the university by the Valerie Grondin Stable at Bangor Raceway. Valerie, a Class of 1994 UMaine alumna, is the driver of the university's horse in the races.

"Since 2001, One Vine Lady has been an ambassador for UMaine wherever she races," says Professor Robert Causey, director of UMaine's equine programs. "Through her we have established working relationships with Maine's standard-bred industry, leading to educational opportunities for our students, especially

those in the pre-veterinary program."

One Vine Lady is one of 14 donated standardbreds who live at the Witter Farm. They are used by the university's drill team as well as for other aspects of the equine program.

Now that One Vine Lady has turned ten, Causey says this might be her last year of racing. When she retires, he says she will continue to have a future as one of UMaine's riding horses.

## Composite Tent Panel Innovation Can Save Troops' Lives

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE researchers have come up with an invention that they hope will save soldiers' lives.

A shipment of modular ballistic panels designed by the university's Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center (AEWCC) was sent to a Maine National Guard unit in Afghanistan in late February. The panels are made to protect fabric tents used by soldiers. Those tents have been the targets of insurgent mortar attacks. Inside the tents, soldiers generally have their helmets off, leaving them vulnerable.

Tests have clearly demonstrated that the panels provide a significant level of protection from mortars.

Each panel weighs about 70 pounds, has hand grips, and can be carried by two people. It can be installed without tools and no additional training. They take a four-person crew about an hour to install.

Habib Dagher, AEWCC director, explained that the panels are considered a



Graduate student Keenan Goslin '05 with a model of a reinforced Army tent.

first level of protection. Other levels of protection, such as sand bags and concrete barriers, can be added.

"It's up to the threat level and what the commanders in the field want to do,"

Dagher said.

The tent panels are designed primarily for mobile units where sand bags and concrete barriers are not always an option.

"Getting these to the field is quite a bit easier than sandbags and other protections," Dagher added.

The panels are currently being made at UMaine on a prototype basis, but Dagher is looking into full-scale manufacturing possibilities. Researchers on the project included Dagher, AEWCC senior research manager Larry Parent '82, civil engineering professor Eric Landis, AEWCC structural engineering project manager Eric Cassidy '00, '02G, and civil engineering graduate student Keenan Goslin '05.

From a story by Aimee Dolloff '03, *Bangor Daily News*.



### Passing on a Tradition of Loyalty and Giving

#### Classes of 1944 & 2010

In the late summer of 2006, Liz Downing '77, from the UMaine admissions office, called the Class of 1944's Al McNeilly and asked him if he would come and speak to the incoming Class of 2010 about University of Maine traditions. Al is one of the university's most loyal graduates, and he has been a leader in the Class of '44's unprecedented generosity to the university.

"Of course not many of our traditions are still around," McNeilly says. "Just a few like learning the 'Stein Song' and the Maine Hello."

Then he gave the new UMaine students a challenge.

"I told them they were the largest class ever to enter the University of Maine so they ought to do the most to enhance their university. I told them that my class had been behind some very significant changes on this campus and we were only 400. I said there are over 2,000 of you rascals so you ought to beat the Class of '44 hands down!"

To a lot of folks' surprise, the students stood up and cheered. McNeilly then told them his class would help in any way they could—in essence, that they would become their partner in any effort they undertake.

The class has responded to the challenge. They started by becoming the first nonsenior class in years to elect class officers and develop a class structure. Next they wanted a special identification, so they designed and ordered Class of 2010 jackets. Most significantly, they are sponsoring some of the new sidewalks on campus.

"They are a bunch of doers," McNeilly says. "A very special group."



#### A Gift to Lord Hall

Artist Maryanne Holt Starbird '58 and husband, Rick Starbird '56, were on campus in February to present one of Maryanne's paintings to the art department to hang on the wall of the student lounge. The Starbirds pledged \$100,000 to the new visual arts building project last March. It was the naming gift for the student lounge in Lord Hall, as well as a faculty office.

## Understanding Our Fast Changing World

For Maine to thrive in our increasingly global economy, leaders will need to understand the connections among policy, the economy, international affairs, business, and environmental quality. Toward that end, the University of Maine has created a School of Policy and International Affairs (SPIA), bringing together more than 80 faculty members who currently teach and conduct research on policy and international issues.

According to UMaine president, Robert Kennedy, the new school will complement the work of the university's two long-established policy areas—the William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce, and

the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center.

He also expects that SPIA will enhance UMaine's national prominence and increase external funding for research and interdisciplinary teaching.

"The school will also provide more opportunities for UMaine students and faculty to participate in policy development and research on the international level, further enhancing the university's tangible impact on Maine's economic, social, and cul-

tural future."

The new school is headed by management professor John Mahon, who will in turn report to Daniel Innis, dean of the college of business, public policy, and health.





## New Chancellor Understands Maine

With 15 years experience as president of the University of Southern Maine (USM), Richard Pattenaude brings an in-depth understanding of Maine to his new job as chancellor of the University of Maine System (UMS).

"Yes he knows Maine and he knows Maine people," says University of Maine System trustee Bill Johnson '56. "In particular he is well-liked and respected by the legislature. He's known as a doer, but also someone who listens before he acts."

Pattenaude, originally from Seattle, received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Colorado. Prior to coming to Maine in 1991, he was vice



president for academic affairs at Central Connecticut State University and before that associate dean of the college of liberal arts at Drake University in Iowa.

In deciding to leave USM to take the chancellor's job, Pattenaude said it offered him a professional challenge while still allowing him to stay in Maine. He'll be paid

\$220,000 to oversee the system's seven campuses, eleven outreach centers, and its law school. UMS employs about 5,000 people with a total budget of nearly \$600 million.

Pattenaude replaces Joseph Westphal who resigned in June of 2006. The highly respected former UMS chancellor, Terrence MacTaggart, has served as interim chancellor for the past year.

Trustee Johnson says there need be no concern among UMaine folks about Pattenaude's commitment to the system's flagship campus.

"I've discussed this with him directly," Johnson says, "and I can assure everyone that it won't be a problem. He told me, 'I have to wear seven hats now, not just one. I'm going to do right by all the campuses.'"

## UMaine's Daren Stone Drafted by the Falcons

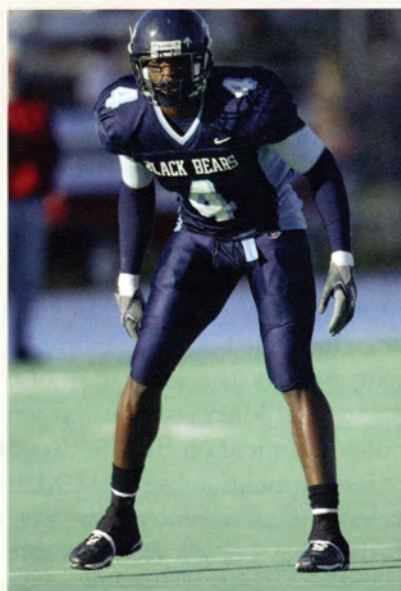
For the second straight year, a University of Maine football player has been drafted by the National Football League. Defensive back Daren Stone was a sixth-round selection of the NFL's Atlanta Falcons.

It was the first time in its history that UMaine football players have been drafted in consecutive years. Last year Kevin McMahon was selected in the seventh round by the Oakland Raiders.

"I'm incredibly excited for Daren, his family, and the entire Maine football program," Black Bear football coach Jack Cosgrove '78, '84G said. "The Falcons got a player whose best football days are ahead of him."

Stone had a very strong season and earned invitations to both the Hula Bowl and the East-West Shrine College Football All-Star Game.

Two other UMaine defensive players, Mike Devito and Matt King, were not drafted, but have signed free agent contracts with the New York Jets.



Daren Stone

## Harris Award Nominations Sought

Nominations are sought for the third annual President Abram W. Harris Award, established in memory of former UMaine president Abram Winegardner Harris, who served from 1893-1901, with an endowed gift to the University of Maine Foundation from his grandson A. W. "Pete" Harris III '50 and family friends.

The award brings with it a \$5,000 prize.

The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual or team of individuals whose actions have left the institution "stronger and in every respect better fitted to do its work" as was said of President Harris in a board of trustees report of the era. The person or persons can be, but does not have to be, a UMaine employee or graduate. The person should be living and available to accept the award.

A one-page nomination can be sent to: Judy Round at the UMaine Foundation, Two Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469.





Photo by William Drake

Recent environmental and energy initiatives will help the University of Maine do its part to reduce heat-trapping carbon emissions.

Above photo: Campus environmental leader Leigh Stearns would like to see greater use of bicycles for transportation around campus.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE is well known for its natural resources and environmental studies programs and research. In particular, UMaine's Climate Change Institute (CCI) is a world leader in studying the history and causes of climate change. The reputation of the institute is reflected in the fact that its director, Paul Mayewski, was recently featured for the second time on a "60 Minutes" segment on climate change.

So it only makes sense that UMaine's facilities and activities should reflect a high level of environmental awareness. Indeed with increased understanding of the effect of human activities on the Earth's climate, UMaine is taking some major steps toward becoming a "green" campus.

"Universities should be leaders in this area," UMaine president, Bob Kennedy said recently. "We have a lot of people in a concentrated space.... At the same time, we have a certain centralized nature that allows us to get involved in innovative programs and initiatives, all aimed at saving money and improving our environment."

Some of the university's recent green initiatives include new energy-efficient



lighting for the Alford Arena, the use of 30 percent renewable sources of power for campus, four new LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified buildings (with a commitment that all future buildings be LEED certified), the addition of six hybrids to the university auto fleet, and the implementation of no-idling and car-pooling policies.

In addition, UMaine was one of the earliest institutions to sign on to the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, a pledge to meet certain targets toward the goal of being a carbon-neutral campus. The university has also signed the Governor's Carbon Challenge.

Kennedy also noted recycling efforts, including recycling construction debris from campus renovation projects. And he is proud that all cleaning products used at UMaine (with the exception of disinfectants used only in dorms) are certified by Green Seal—a nonprofit that sets environmental standards for product labeling.

Kennedy believes these as well as other pledges, policies, and initiatives are making UMaine a leader in sustainability and energy conservation.

Graduate student Leigh Stearns might not go quite that far in her assessment, but she is encouraged by the university's recent environmental efforts. Stearns is a Ph.D. candidate in the Climate Change Institute, who, along with the Institute's Gordon Hamilton, recently completed ground-breaking studies on glacial changes in Greenland. As a CCI scientist, she has an in-depth understanding of the seriousness and urgency of the climate change issue.

Stearns also heads up UMaine's Sustainability Alliance, a group that has had a big impact on the campus's energy efficiency and recycling efforts.

She helped form the group a few years ago, and says that it really gained momentum and purpose once UMaine administrators started attending meetings.

"We had just started teaching a climate policy class and it seemed like we all did a lot of complaining about the fact that not enough was being done to reduce emis-



## LEEDing the Way

Four recent construction projects have been designed to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. They are: The Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center, The Student Innovation Center (above), Wells Commons, and the new Student Recreation Center which opens this fall.

sions," she says. "So in line with the old environmental adage 'act locally' we got organized and started looking at our own campus."

Stearns says that the most significant contribution of the Sustainability Alliance has been a university-wide energy audit. What they discovered wasn't exactly encouraging, but it got the attention of UMaine administrators.

The audit revealed that UMaine's electricity use was 50 percent greater in 2006 than it was in the 1990s.

Stearns notes that the increase was not due to a bigger enrollment, but was a combination of several factors, including new energy-intensive research facilities and increased use of personal electronics by students.

Of course, the results of the audit also meant that UMaine was spending significantly more on energy—something that made vice president for administration and finance, Janet Waldron, sit up and listen.

"Janet is really interested in energy efficiency for the campus," Stearns says. "She and other administrators started coming to meetings, and after that we started a new group called UMaine Sustainability Alliance."

As a result of efforts by UMaine Sustainability Alliance as well as UMaine's primarily student-run Green Campus Initiative, Waldron expects new energy conservation initiatives to save the university \$1 million within a three-year period and \$1 million annually after that. More importantly, the changes will lighten the campus's carbon footprint. The initiatives include energy-efficient lighting, installing energy controls in rooms, and purchasing energy efficient appliances.

But Stearns says that much more needs to be done. UMaine's current goal is to reduce carbon emissions by 10 percent of 2005 levels by the year 2010. Beyond that even more aggressive green initiatives will need to be undertaken.

To help, Stearns and her group are currently searching for an energy manager.

"This is one of the great things that Janet Waldron and Elaine Clark (associate vice president for administration and finance) have done," Stearns says. "They were able to find the money for this position."

Stearns believes that eventually UMaine also needs to hire a sustainability officer—someone who will "get programs started and get people on campus motivated to reduce emissions."

"We have definitely raised awareness on campus, and that's great," Stearns says. "But what we really need to do is reduce emissions. We need to tap into more students who are concerned with the issue and get more volunteer leaders."

Among the things that Stearns would like to see happen are increased recycling efforts, energy conservation dorm competitions, increased public transportation, and greater availability of bicycles for students. She also wants to see energy awareness as part of new student orientation and also hopes to get climate change issues incorporated into more UMaine classes.

Kennedy also sees student education as a key to a sustainable future.

"We need to model this kind of behavior for our students," he said. "We all need to use energy in a responsible way, and our students will need to be leaders in creating sustainable societies in the future."



# She's Back!

Cindy Blodgett '98 takes charge of UMaine women's basketball.

**I**t's been more than nine years since four-time All-American Cindy Blodgett thrilled capacity crowds at the Alfond Arena. But when she stepped in front of the microphone at the Alfond's Dexter Lounge on May 23 to accept the job as UMaine's new women's basketball head coach, her superstar status in the state of Maine was still very much in evidence. An unusually large crowd had gathered for the event—filled with anticipation and optimism. Reporters from around the state were there. Every TV and radio station and newspaper wanted an exclusive interview—one TV station even cut into its regular programming to carry the press conference live.

Afterward, as she walked across the Alfond parking lot, fans and friends approached for a hug or a handshake. And just like old times, people were even stopping to ask for an autograph.

Blodgett seemed just as overjoyed about coming home to Maine.

"I can't tell you how excited I am to be here today," she said. "I'm thrilled. I didn't sleep at all last night."

And she had no qualms about being ready to take over one of UMaine's highest-profile sports programs.

"I have a great deal of faith in myself," she said. "I have a lot of drive and I love to face a new challenge."

Blodgett was chosen from four finalists.



*Photo by Mike Mardosa '73*

And while the other applicants had significant college coaching experience, UMaine athletic director, Blake James, explained that he and the search committee looked at the "total picture."

"It was an opportunity to bring our greatest women's basketball player back to the university," he said. "Cindy represents the best of what Black Bear athletics is about. She is a perfect role model for our student/athletes—she has excelled at every level of basketball and also excelled academically. We found the best person for the job."

Praise for the Blodgett appointment came from many former teammates and coaches.

"This is a wonderful hire that should be celebrated by everyone across the state of Maine," said Duke head coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie, who coached Blodgett at UMaine. "I can't think of a better fit and I can't think of a better person to lead the way."

For the past two years Blodgett has served as recruiting coordinator and coordinator of daily operations for the

women's team at Brown University. She also served one year as an assistant coach at Boston University.

Prior to her coaching experiences, Blodgett played in the WNBA from 1998 to 2002 and also played professional basketball internationally, as well as in the National Women's Basketball League.

James noted that her years as a professional basketball player translate into a lot of valuable experience.

Blodgett will be drawing on all her experiences to lead a youthful Black Bear team that has had consecutive losing seasons under previous coach Ann McInerney.

"It will take some time," Blodgett admitted. "The team is young, but where there is youth there is also excitement and enthusiasm."

UMaine fans are likely to give Blodgett all the time she needs to get established and build her program.

And no matter what the team's record next season, there is sure to be a whole new spirit at the Alfond with Cindy Blodgett back on the Black Bear bench.



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Irv Marsters '63, '71G joined the alumni association board last year. Irv is the owner of Bangor Letter Shop. He gives a great deal of his time to community service. In addition to being on the UMAA

board he is a member of the UMaine President's Development Council and is active in Friends of Maine Hockey.

Karen Rossello Boucias '71 joined the board in 2006. Karen is the director of International Programs at UMaine. In that job she is responsible for all areas related to international students and for the National Student Exchange program. Previously she was associate dean of the Graduate School.



Nathan Briggs '02, '05G began his term on the board last year. Nathan currently lives in Brewer and commutes to the Jackson Laboratory where he works as an accountant.

*We'll be recognizing additional UMAA board members in upcoming issues.*

### About the Cover

This well preserved photograph was sent to the alumni association in 1973 by Mrs. Ernest H. Miller, who was the daughter of alumnus Gustavus Gilbert Atwood.

In 1895 the Orono campus was still named Maine State College and had an all-male enrollment. In case you're wondering about the canes, for many years they were given to each member of a graduating class. We don't have a clue about the cage or the sack.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, June 10, 2007

Monmouth Park, New Jersey Alumni Chapter Picnic  
Call chapter president Ron Sheay '55 at (609) 397-7886 or email: revdrvirginias@aol.com.

### Thursday, August 2, 2007

Portland Alumnae Club Meeting  
Summer Coffee  
Home of Faith Wixson Varney '56, '65G  
69 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, ME—10:00 a.m.  
Hostesses: Joan Fuller Russell '56 & Carolyn Bull Dahlgren '56  
RSVP to Faith at (207) 781-3038 by Monday, July 30, 2007.

### Wednesday, August 8, 2007

8th Annual Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine Golf Tournament  
Gray, Maine

### Sunday, September 30, 2007

21st Annual New Jersey Alumni Chapter Lobster Maine-ia Valley Road Picnic Area, Mercer County Park Commission Hopewell Township, New Jersey  
Details to be announced. Please email: revdrvirginias@aol.com for more information.

### October 12-14, 2007

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# Alumni Happenings

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alumni connect online with classmates, friends, and friends-of-friends; based on occupations, shared interests, common acquaintances, professions, locations, etc.

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Imagine if you could network with not just your own connections but with all the UMaine alumni your friends know too—like a Black Bear version of *Six Degrees of Separation*! Your network would increase exponentially.

Now you can do it—InCircle is here. Log on to: [www.mainealumni.com](http://www.mainealumni.com) for more information!

## Alumni House Turns Five

It doesn't seem possible, but the alumni association and the UMaine Foundation will be celebrating their fifth year in Buchanan Alumni House during ceremonies on June 2. By all measures, the Alumni House has been an enormous success and a highly valued addition to the UMaine campus.

Since 2003, the facility has been used for more than 2,000 events attended by some 60,000 people. That number includes more than 300 student-led events. In addition, over 15,000 prospective students have started their campus tours at Alumni House.

Most importantly, the building is providing a place to call home for all UMaine alumni and friends who return to campus.

"This beautiful facility has transformed the alumni association and has been just a tremendous asset to the entire university and its alumni," said alumni association president, Todd Saucier '93, '97G.



More than 60 alumni attended an event at UNUM in Portland on February 5. The featured speaker was UMaine's recently retired legendary assistant coach, Grant Standbrook (left). Grant is shown here with UNUM senior vice president, Donna Thibodeau Mundy '71, and Bill Currie '52, president of the UMaine Alumni Chapter of Southern Maine.



Among the attendees at the alumni association's UMaine Legacy Event in February were Harold "Skip" Pratt '77 and his daughter Michelle, who graduated in May with the Class of 2007.



It was University of Maine day at the January 7 Portland Pirates game at the Cumberland County Civic Center. And a big part of the event was paying tribute to the Pirates player/assistant coach and former National Hockey League defenseman, Eric Weinrich '89 (center). With Eric are University Credit Union president, Matt Walsh '92 (left) and alumni association president, Todd Saucier '93, '97G (right).



One of the many 2007 Spring Swing events took place at the home of Leith '59 and Donna Wadleigh in Delray Beach, Florida.



# Classnotes



## Senior Alumni

**Jayne Hanson Bartley '49**  
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Dear Senior Alumni,  
A very Happy New Year to each of you. We've made it for another year! That in itself is awesome, and so many of us are still vibrant, able to serve others, contribute to worthwhile programs, enjoy life, and share quality time with our families and friends.

I received an article from the *Bangor Daily News* highlighting the life of **Marjorie Jenkins '31** of Brewer. She was an English and Latin teacher of great ability. Her master's degree was from UMaine in 1956 in English. I've not met this dynamic woman, but being an English teacher, as I was, and being the mother of my doctor, William Jenkins, makes her very special. She proudly tells you her son was the Maine Family Doctor of the Year in 1998.

At 96, Marjorie still enjoys playing cards with friends and attending meetings of the Brewer Garden and Bird Club. She is also faithful to the Monday Afternoon Club which centers on books and reading.

Another interesting note was that when she married in 1939, married women were banned from teaching, and thus she was a homemaker until the ban was lifted. Then she returned to Brewer High in 1943 to teach where she amassed 39 years of teaching Latin and English. What an inspiring story!

Last October, 11 excited souls traveled to Africa. **Linwood '54G**

and **Jean McIntire White '52** of Orono went. Lin turned 80 on the trip and was treated to a native dance performance. The life expectancy in Africa is in the 60s, so he was revered for his longevity. I came in second with a few months to go to challenge his "Father Time" status. My son Peter '72 and I, along with the Whites, were the four Maine alums on this fabulous trip of 11 travelers. We'd all go back without hesitation.

Christmas cards did bring in some news of our Senior Alums. **Donna Welts Wagoner '48** is busy as ever doing volunteer work and church work in Iowa as well as keeping up with her children and grandchildren. One grandchild is here at UMaine. She also keeps up with the many friends she and her late husband, Howie, made living in Hawaii and Washington.

Trish and **Rocky Rockwell '45** still live in California, and Rocky is still hiking in national parks and visiting all the historic sites possible. They visited my husband and me several years ago and we were both awed by their sprightliness.

**Bruce Folsom '49** has had a serious arm problem hampering his usual fishing, boating, golf, and skiing enjoyment. It is now much improved and he hoped to soon return to an active lifestyle. Wife, Mary '52, has been his personal occupational therapist and has been fabulous in his rehabilitation.

They are great travelers and went on a cruise on the Rhine River last spring before the arm problem.

**Dick Desjardins '45** is now living in Wilmington, North Carolina. Wife, Betty, is hospitalized nearby where he can walk to visit her daily. He is active in his housing area and keeps busy. After practicing in Millinocket, he became a college physician at Virginia Military Institute. He just couldn't retire and helped out at a local spa working with athletes. He is such a wonderful person.

Well, I guess I have exhausted my news so I'll close. Keep watch for Senior Alumni activities. **Bill Currie '52** leads an active Portland area group that goes to sports events and does special things. Our "Golden Girls" continue to plan interesting events involving UMaine activities.

## 1935

**Basil G. Staples**  
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I have received a letter from the office of student financial aid informing me that the Class of 1935 Warren W. Flagg Scholarship Fund provided \$2,320 to deserving students during the 2006-2007 academic year. Those receiving the money were Alice B. Bickford, Charles P. Bird, and Kristine E. Pike. We can be very proud in knowing that our past contributions are continuing to help needy students to obtain their education at our alma mater. And don't forget that we also provided the Carl Whitman Room in the Buchanan Alumni House, which is now being used for the general alumni office.

A homemade Christmas card with some nice remarks from **Bobbi Lewis Kimball** in St. Petersburg was most welcome.

Now that I am a great-grandfather, I am especially interested in fourth generation children. I know that some of you already have great-grandchildren and I would be interested in learning of others who might be so blessed. Please write me about those little darlings. Maybe we should have a contest and provide prizes for the most and the oldest.

Some of you must be doing some interesting things. Please tell me about them.

## 1936

**Kenneth L. Ireland**  
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**Kay Wormwood Sawyer's** Christmas card tells me that she is doing quite well, but somehow can't stop growing old. Kay is still in her own home, drives her own car, and plays bridge, etc., but she lives one day at a time. Don't we all!

**Jim Boardman's** card states

that he and Bev now spend most of their time at their residence in Bangor. Some time ago Jim wrote me that after he retired from Keyes Fibre in 1975, they moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, and lived there for 13 years of golf. During the hot summers they returned to their summer home at Hancock Point. When Scottsdale became overcrowded, they settled in Bangor.

**Jim Haggett** writes that he now lives in "assisted living" at Heritage Woods in Agawam, Massachusetts. The three meals he is served there everyday are "as good as they come," says Jim.

**Gerry Beverage** says that his son and daughter accompanied him last September during a trip to visit his younger brother in Oklahoma. Otherwise, it is a very lonesome life without his wife of more than 60 years. He now lives in an assisted living facility in Rock-land.

Hope Wing Weston of the Class of 1937 writes me that she spent the winter in her Florida home, returning to Maine in May. In June, her garden club celebrated her 70 years of membership. The National Federation of Garden Clubs of America did the same at their convention in Bar Harbor. In October, she moved into an "independent living" apartment at Schooner Estates in Auburn. Hope says it is a fun place with great activities, and it is near her family.

I have just received an invitation to the July wedding of my oldest granddaughter, Julie Kentnor. The ceremony is to take place on the north side of Oahu in July. My next oldest granddaughter, Katie Childs, is to be married this September in Andover, Massachusetts.

## 1939

**Edna Louise "Squeeze" Harrison Dempsey**  
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An impressive article in the *Bangor Daily News* presents **Miriam Colwell** as a drama within a drama. Her life at Prospect Cove is truly the foundation of many stories, all with



the local and the summer people playing the main parts. In her richly lived 89 years, Miriam was a keen observer of the interaction between those who came for the season and those who were natives, as she was. However, a summer visitor, Chenoweth Hall, lured her to New York after her first year at Orono. That opportunity enabled her to see the depth of city life. Later on, when she returned to be postmaster of Prospect Harbor, she, as a daily observer, was able to combine what she saw into exciting, readable material about the everyday people and the summer ones, crafting it into richly woven stories. Her dear friend "Chenny" enriched her life for many years, luring her to New York from time to time. Miriam recently discovered a book she had written long ago, in the 1950s. She had called it *Plus and Minus*. Sharing her find with creative writing professor, Constance Hunting from Orono, she agreed to have it published by Puckerbrush Press in Orono under the title *Contentment Cove*. Nancy MacKnight, a close friend, took over when Hunting died in April. Introducing the book at a literary party in Orono, its unique view of the haves and have-nots in a small town is unforgettable, with the interacting of them all weaving ongoing drama.

Miriam's dear friend Hall died in '99 and she is spending much of her time putting their joint lives on paper as a special remembrance. When not writing, she keeps active in the community and is well known by all. At an earlier time, her home was a true gathering place for famous artists and writers from afar, giving her New York City on her doorstep. Truly, she is now enjoying the richness of all she has incurred over the years. *Contentment Cove* is well named. It's her dwelling place for all time.

Over time, the custom of sending Christmas cards has changed and lessened. Email and a faster life style have contributed to this. I received fewer cards this year, but more phone calls made up the difference. Nice to talk to **Ellie Crockett Hutchinson** on Cape Cod, and remember what a lovely place it can be during the holidays. A beautiful card from **Charlotte King Pierce** brought a change of address. The new one is as follows: 4138

Swanson Boulevard, #132, Wooster, Ohio 44691-9646. January 27th was Charlotte's 90th birthday! Congratulations from us all upon achieving that milestone.

Nat Crowley '42 notified us that **Dana Drew** passed away in early February. Dana was a leader, a fine student, and a gifted athlete. A member of Phi Eta Kappa, he played basketball, football, and baseball. He was a Sophomore Owl, a Senior Skull, and president of our class. He was truly one in a million, and we send our condolences to **Virginia Maguire Doherty Drew**.

A funny greeting from **Ralph Higgins** brought news of his discovery of a long lost picture of a lobster sent a while back—happy that you found it, Ralph.

All for now,  
ELD

## 1940

**Ginny Pease Dogherty**  
**Granite Hill Estates**  
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**Augusta, ME 04330**  
**Ginnypd@adelphia.net**

I am writing this in January on a rainy day, and it almost feels like spring, even in Maine. Greetings to all of you. At a luncheon at the Highlands Retirement Community in Topsham in early fall, there were five of us from 1940. It was amazing that so many of us were there. I saw **Alice Ann Donovan Poepelmeier**, **Helen Maling Walker**, **Priscilla Thomas Perry**, and **Edwin Rich**. As you know Alice Ann lives in Kennebunk now. Helen lives in Yarmouth, Priscilla lives at Piper Shores in Scarborough, and Ed lives at the Highlands in Topsham. It was great to see so many alumni and especially great that we were well represented. Shortly after that, there was another luncheon, this time at Piper Shores, another Maine retirement community, and Alice Ann, Priscilla, and I attended that one also.

I asked Ed to write to tell me about himself after graduating from the university. He lives alone at the Highlands after 20 years of retire-

ment life with his wife in Woolwich, Maine. Three children and five grandchildren are scattered around New England and they easily keep in touch. After five years in the Army during World War II, his real career began at MIT when he joined the research staff in their computer lab and got a master's degree under the GI bill. He went on to write, "Computer development then was embryonic, but national concerns for the Cold War led to a development contract with the Pentagon to design a computer-based system for air defense of the continental U.S. I was lucky to have been with the group that did the major work on that contract. Initially, the group developed a special high speed computer, then expanded the design into a system for air defense.

"After 12 years with MIT, I transferred to the Mitre Corporation, a company formed especially to carry on system engineering work for the Defense Department and other government agencies. I retired from Mitre in 1980."

Ed also told me about another classmate, **Frank Martin**, who also lives at the Highlands. Frank was a Phi Mu Delta and became a mechanical engineer.

June and **Atwood Smart** recently moved from Manchester, Maine, to the Granite Hill Estates Lodge. Their address is: Apartment 201, 60 Balsam Drive, Hallowell, Maine 04347. (Granite Hill Estates is in both Hallowell and Augusta, so even though the Smarts are my neighbors now, we live in different cities.)

After graduating from the University of Maine, Atwood worked for Sears before he joined the Navy during World War II. He was discharged as a lieutenant commander, went back with Sears, managing many of their stores, and finally retired in 1980. After that he was employed by Olympia Sports until his second retirement in 1994. June and Atwood moved back to Maine in 1998. They were married for 63 years.

Sadly, we learned of Atwood's death shortly before going to press. Atwood, known on campus as "Woody," majored in business and belonged to Kappa Sigma fraternity. He played football for three years and was involved in Maine Masque.

During retirement, he and his wife enjoyed traveling to Alaska, Hawaii, and Europe. They had two children, three grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. We extend our sincere condolences to his family.

In a Christmas note from **Polly Jellison Weatherbee**, she wrote that she had enjoyed a trip to Maine last summer and had a visit with **Barbara Welch Wilson**. She also saw **Vivian** and **Bill Treat** while here.

We just learned that Vivian was made an honorary alumna of the University of Maine. Congratulations! We welcome you as a classmate.

I would just love to hear from more of you. I think we are all interested in knowing where our 1940 classmates are now. Please write or send an email and let Alice Ann and me know about you.

## 1941

**Agnes Ann Walsh**  
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**Scarborough, ME 04074**

A Maine Hello to all '41ers! Here's to a happy and healthy 2007! Did you hear about or did you experience the mild winter here in New England? As January ended, temperatures plummeted, snow fell—things seasonal, but upon receipt of this, spring will have sprung!

In September the Highlands in Topsham was the setting for the annual University of Maine gathering with **Charlene Perkins Strang**, **Barbara Savage Thompson '42**, and **Dan Hatch '49** as hosts. A social hour of wine and cheese preceded the luncheon; the guest speaker was **Robert Dana**, dean of student affairs. Our class was represented by **Joyce Ramsay Carter**, **Joanna Evans Bardo**, **Gordon** and **Janice Merrill Chase** (residents now at the Highlands), and yours truly. This fall Charlene's daughter, **Meredith Strang Burgess '78**, was elected to the Maine Legislature to represent her district of Cumberland and environs. The late **Helen Wormwood Pierce's** granddaughter, **Sarah Marshall**, continues to star in



basketball as captain of the Boston College team; did you see her on TV?

In October the Portland Alumnae Club of the University of Maine celebrated its 80th anniversary with a buffet lunch at Piper Shores; this group has the distinction of being the only alumnae chapter now and maybe the oldest of all alumni chapters. I prayed for good weather because the view of the Atlantic ocean from our dining room is spectacular. Amos Orcutt '64, president and CEO of the University of Maine Foundation, was the guest speaker and several members of the Foundation and alumni association honored us with their presence. All alumnae present received a talisman rose in a bud vase with a congratulatory note from the alumni association.

Charlene P. Strang and Barbara S. Thompson, unable to attend the Portland Alumnae event, came here to Piper Shores for lunch with Joyce R. Carter, Barbara Akeley Seaman '45, Barbara McKernan, mother of ex-Maine governor John McKernan, and me. This luncheon brought together Barbara Thompson and Barbara McKernan who grew up on the same street in Bangor and had not seen each other for years.

**Donald Weston** and his wife attended the University of Maine Foundation luncheon at the Black Bear Inn in Stillwater this fall. After that event several of us toured Dirigo Pines, a retirement community in Orono, located at the intersection of Main Street and Kelly Road near the Penobscot Country Club. I am delighted to have seen the complex because I recently learned that **Charles** and **Alice Smith** have moved there; their address is: 9 Alumni Drive, 201 P, Orono, Maine 04473.

**Paul** and **Cortna Kingsley Billings** '42 touched base in June via a reunion information form. Paul, a retired Exxon oil refinery manager, keeps busy with his computer, duplicate bridge, and volunteering at Royal Oaks Retirement Center. I was pleased to receive a note from Cortna who sent a super picture of her and Paul, a handsome couple who haven't changed much over the years. There were two pictures of their great-granddaughter, the apple of their eyes. They are fortunate to have their three children, four grandchildren, and the great-granddaughter living in Arizona. Their address is: 10015 W. Royal Oak Road, Apartment 323, Sun City, Arizona 85351. **Alfred Mann** wrote a note

with his form; he has deserted Maine, sold his property in Raymond, and after 15 years as a snowbird became a permanent resident of Florida in 1998. Sammy has seven children (five of them graduated from the University of Maine and two from USM), 18 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. He has been involved in community chorus and orchestra and church choir but claims he has quit because of old age. His address is: 1120 Illinois Avenue, St. Cloud, Florida 34769-3845.

The Berlin, New Hampshire, paper printed an interesting article about Philbrook Farm Inn which is on the National Register of Historic Places. **Constance Philbrook Leger** and Nancy Philbrook '42, the fourth generation of Philbrooks, were pictured standing on the front walk of the inn. The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance has named Philbrook Farm Inn to the "Seven to Save" list of most endangered historic Granite State properties. The original farmhouse was built in 1834, bought by Susannah and Harvey Philbrook in 1853, and opened as a lodging to guests in 1861; now the fifth generation, Connie's children, Ann '67 and Larry, are managing the inn, but there is no sixth generation to carry on the Philbrook traditions. The Preservation Alliance hopes that the listing of these places will show the need to save them for future generations and emphasize their historical, architectural, and economic importance to New Hampshire.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Robert M. Irvine** who passed away in January. Bob served valiantly during World War II. After the war he owned a country store in Vermont and then became a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse and finally a principal in Bellows Falls, Vermont. Because of a love for the Boothbay Harbor area, he located and taught for many years in Boothbay and Southport until his retirement.

At Christmas, much to my surprise and great joy, I heard from two former students who had seen my name and address at the head of our class column. Now I wish some '41ers would surprise me with notes—please use the above address or the alumni office!

## 1942

*Reunion June 1-3, 2007*

**Marion Libby Broadus**  
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Classmates! Can you believe that we have our 65th Reunion this coming June 1-2-3, 2007? What memories we all have of our years at Orono. By this time, you have received some information about Reunion. I hope many of you will be able to attend at least some part of the program.

**Priscilla Thurlow Anderson** died in Phoenix, Arizona, on October 20, 2006. She had been in an assisted living facility for about two years and continued to have plans to return to her home town of Buckfield. What wonderful summer reunions we had at Wits End, her cottage on Bear Pond.

**Cherrie Thorne Kaifer** died December 27, 2007, at her home in Catonsville, Maryland. Cherrie was one of the many women from our class who worked for Calvert Distilling Company in Baltimore, Maryland. She and I roomed together during those years and our families spent many vacations visiting here in Maine and in Baltimore.

Had a long letter from **Helen Thorndike Remick** with their new address: 17 Hampton Road, Exeter, New Hampshire 03833. She and Artis enjoy Langdon Place. Her daughter, Bonnie, lives in South Carolina, and Nancy, John, and James live nearby.

From a newspaper clipping I saved, "The Philbrook Farm Inn at Shelburne, New Hampshire, made the list as the nation's oldest continuously run inn remaining in a single family. It is in the hands of the fifth generation of Philbrooks, but Ann Leger ['67], Connie [Philbrook Leger's '41] daughter and **Nancy's** niece, says neither she nor her brother have children to take over the business." I am sure many of you have had the privilege of visiting the inn.

**Shirley Ashman Yih** died on June 17, 2006. A natural athlete, she participated in hockey, basketball, and volleyball on campus. She was class secretary her senior year, an All Maine Woman, and majored in romance languages. Shirley was our class valedictorian. She later earned

a M.A. in French from Middlebury College and taught French and Spanish.

**Barbara Savage Thompson** continues as chairwoman of the recycling program she started at the Highlands in Topsham where she lives. To quote Barbara, "Our individual efforts to be good recyclers do have an effect, however small, in reducing the release of greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere."

Thanks, Barbara, for being so dedicated.

## 1943

**Helena Jensen**  
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A welcome letter from **Frances "Frannie" Drew Moody** brought "greetings to the Class of 1943." She relates "with interest we read the University of Maine magazine to see what our classmates are doing. We read that Dwight's fraternity, Phi Eta Kappa, celebrated their 100th birthday. Congratulations!"

From the time **Dwight "Whitey" Moody** entered the university he was a star on the track team—fall, winter, and spring. He was also a Sophomore Owl. In those years, Frannie writes, "I used to cross the river on skis and ski on the hill over there even if I was not allowed to use the rope tow. I was not on the boy's team and there was no ski team for girls."

Frannie was on hand to graduate with her classmates on May 26, 1943, while Dwight was serving his country. Three days later Frannie and Dwight were married.

After serving in the Army Air Corps where he taught the use and care of new and modern Air Corps equipment for nearly three years, Dwight returned to Orono to major in economics, and to graduate in the Class of 1946. In his senior year, Dwight was president of his class, president of Off Campus Men, and president of a couple of other organizations.

He taught at Hampden Academy for a couple of years and then enrolled at Cornell University where he earned a master's degree. Then the Moodys moved to Connecticut where he taught for a couple of years in New Britain and for many years in the West Hartford schools.

Alert to the needs of his stu-

# Go Blue



dents, he realized one Christmas that they were receiving microscopes as gifts so he taught the use of microscopes to all of his students—a popular project. He retired from teaching at age 60.

Meanwhile, Frannie earned a master's degree at Wesleyan University enabling her to work as a substitute teacher and tutor.

White and Frannie had nine children—Dwight, Jr., Stephen '68, Caroline, Elizabeth, Andrew, Constance, Christine, Peter, and Abigail. Peter, the youngest son, died soon after graduating from high school, the result of a collision between a car and his motorcycle. Dwight, Jr. (oldest son) works on telescopes at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. Stephen (second son) teaches mathematics at Cheshire Academy in Connecticut. Both are now in their sixties. The other children are busy working and catching up with them. Included in the family are 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

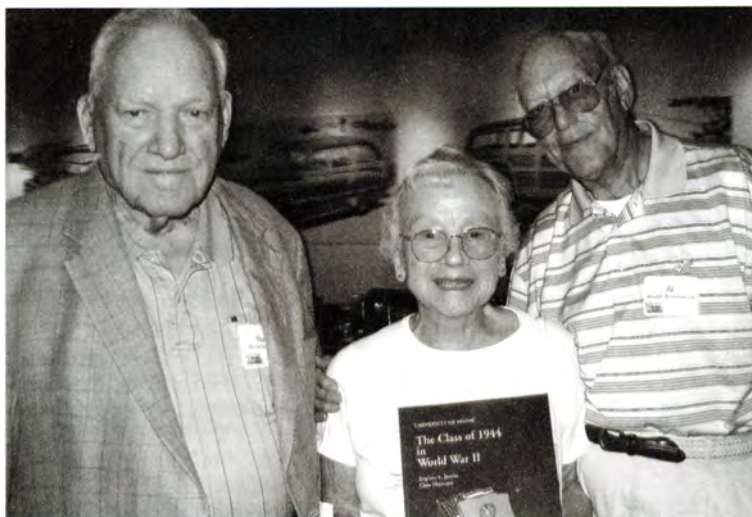
The Moodys are now living at a comfortable retirement home, Summerville, in Torrington, Connecticut, near Litchfield where daughter Elizabeth lives. They discovered that one resident was in Dwight's high school class in Lincoln, Maine. Frannie writes, "the latest thing in our life is the piano that was delivered on Saturday, January 20, 2007." She has been without a piano for over 12 years and has lost her touch, but is trying to get it back.

**Wilbur James Marden** majored in forestry and this became his life's work. He entered the University of Maine with the Class of 1943 and graduated in 1949 after serving in the United States Army for four years. At that time he built a home in Belfast where he continues to live today.

Following commencement, Wilbur became a salesman for Winde McCormick which was headquartered in Charlestown, Massachusetts. Winde McCormick was a wholesale lumber company dealing with lumber and allied products such as Formica counter tops. When Winde McCormick moved to Maine so did Wilbur. He was general manager for the firm in Bangor for the past 10 years. When he retired, the firm went out of business.

Along the way Wilbur was actively involved with Little League and helped with Boy Scouts.

The Marden family can be identified as a "loyal to Orono family" for Wilbur, wife Martha '65 (deceased),



Among the attendees at the Class of '44 get-together last summer were (left to right): Russ Bodwell, Isabel Ansell Jacobs '45, and class president Al Ehrenfried. At the meeting, it was announced that the class will establish a scholarship fund in memory of Isabel's late husband and Class of '44 member Stephen Jacobs. Before he died, Steve compiled the history of his class in World War II which was later published as a book.

and four children matriculated at the University of Maine. Two sons entered the education field. Richard teaches in a junior high school; Peter '71 is a guidance counselor; Michael is an optometrist in Belfast, and also maintains a Rockport office. Sherry has retired after 32 years with Shop and Save.

**William Nice Ellis**—From Rangeley and back to Rangeley with a host of other landscapes in between! Wonder if William Ellis realized, when he designated engineering physics as his major at the University of Maine, that this discipline would take him around the world to impressive capitals and third world settlements?

An earned master's degree in physics from the University of Hawaii completed his formal education. He then went to the University of Vermont to teach physics. Then it was on to the Naval Laboratory in Washington, D.C., as a physicist in the physics program. He then served a stint as science policy consultant for the National Science Foundation. The next move was to Paris as science policy consultant at UNESCO and then back to Washington, D.C., to work on the science policy department of the World Bank. William Ellis was then on loan from the government to work for governor Kenneth Curtis in Maine. He retired from government services at age 55.

In 1976 William Ellis attended the U.N. Conference on Human Settlements in Vancouver, British

Columbia, Canada, as a consultant. At that time, he brought together all of the technical specialists needed to form a networking group to foster local development in third world countries. The organization would be called Tranet, an acronym for Trans National Network, and William Ellis would be the coordinator and manager and headquartered in Rangeley, Maine. The objective was to solve local problems using local skills and local resources. For 30 years a newsletter has covered the networking accomplishments. Setting up libraries in small third world villages is one example of Tranet. William and Margaret Ellis have lived in many third world countries during that period—Ethiopia and Nepal, for example.

In 1999 he took on the coalition for Self Learning whose purpose is to provide lifelong self-learning by providing more freedom for the learner so that learners will learn what they want, when they want it, and how to learn. Most of the work is done on the Internet. It is an all-volunteer project carried on by specialists throughout the world.

William Ellis is, and has been, active in national politics and has worked "on the Hill" for a while. He was selected as the government employee in science policy. He has testified before the United States Congress in regard to hearings on science policy. His current activity is to influence members of Congress to work on peace instead of war. As such, he writes directly to the repre-

sentative or senator.

Lastly, he related that skiing has been a lifelong interest so it was not surprising that he would be on the ski team at the university. He also has participated in the U.S. preliminary Olympics competition. At age 86 our classmate is still going strong.

**Mary E. Sargent**—condolences are extended to the family of Mary Sargent who died on June 24, 2006, at the Maine Veterans' Home in Bangor. She majored in home economics which discipline she applied as a member of the U.S. Navy Women's Reserve Hospital Corps. She was also a teacher as well as a dietitian. Mary was also a graduate of Barrington's Bible college in Rhode Island.

## 1944

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The spring issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine* has a new schedule. Our class column is due January 20, giving us the benefit of including news from classmates' Christmas cards; an incentive for all of you to send Joy a card or Christmas letter next year.

Back to August 20<sup>th</sup>, we received a letter from **Ruth Troland Bull's** son, Lon, saying that Ruth had passed away on April 11, 2006, at her home in Denver, Colorado. Lon described his mother as a lively, intelligent, athletic, political, independent woman whose education strengthened these qualities which remained with her for her entire life. Those in the Class of '44 who knew her remember her fondly. She was an impressive gal! Ruth married James Bull in 1947 and they were the parents of two sons and a daughter. They had six grandchildren. Ruth received two graduate degrees; one, a master's of divinity from Union Theological Seminary in 1946; the second, a master's in social work from Arizona State University in 1966. She practiced as a social worker for 20 years. She was active in politics her entire life; active in environmental and social action groups; an avid skier, hiker, birder, traveler, student of the natural world; also a gifted and published poet, a painter, and a lover of music. Ruth was a great addition to



our class and we extend our belated but sincere condolences to her entire family.

From the *Bar Harbor Times*, September 28, 2006, we read that the College of the Atlantic dedicated two classrooms and the Great Hall of its historic mansion, the Turrets, to three long-serving trustees, **Leslie C. Brewer**, Father Jim Gower, and Donald B. Staus. Two ground floor spaces were dedicated to the college's founding trustees, Father Gower and Les Brewer. The Turrets' Great Hall is now known as the Leslie C. Brewer Great Hall in honor of this steadfast champion of the college who "has guided the trustees with vision, perseverance, political skill, financial expertise, and unflagging enthusiasm." Steven Katona, who presided over the dedication ceremonies in his last week as president of the college, called Father Gower the soul of the college while Mr. Brewer established the nuts and bolts of the institution, finding and attaining two historic properties that form the heart of the COA campus.

A note from **Al McNeilly** which accompanied his Christmas card tells us that the renovations to the Class of '44 Hall were completed and our class pledge of \$160,000 paid off in early September. At the "rededication" ceremonies for the hall held later in the fall, the students and faculty put on a great show for all attending—"so meaningful and rewarding—I wish the whole class could have been present to see how our class dollars have been well spent and appreciated." Al also mentions that the Class of '44 Bear's Den is a most popular spot on campus. We appreciated your picture card (very clever) and many thanks for the note. Come see us sometime—we're not that far away.

I had a very special note from **Esther Holden Hopkins** after her husband, Jack, passed away. Her family is "ever present and a true blessing." Our very best to you, Esther, and thanks for the Christmas card as well.

A Christmas card arrived from Florida, from **Mary Billings Orsenigo**. She returned to Maine this past summer to visit Deer Isle, her favorite place. After 15 years Mary says she is still doing customer relations work for a local bank. My memories of Mary go back to freshman year on the fourth floor of Balentine Hall. Mary would go around every night with a big beauti-

ful smile and say good night to everyone on the floor.

Last, but not least, a card from **Rhoda Tolford Stone**. Last summer Rhoda invited us and the **Charles Stickneys** to Peaks Island where we had lunch at the Peaks Island Inn as Rhoda's guests. She swims and vacations with her extended family at their nifty cottage right on the water's edge. Rhoda is still attractive, lively, and great company.

Until next time—keep those cards and letters coming!

## 1945

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Greetings from frigid Maine. Fortunately, many Christmas cards from classmates have news about their recent activities that I'll share with you all.

On January 2 it was nine degrees below zero. Why did I leave Florida? I'm certain many of you are where it's warm and sunny and are either on the golf course or at the pool for exercise. I'm missing those wonderful Florida winters! However, being able to see my family members frequently is a big plus! I also spent a few days before Christmas with part of the family and spent the day with others. What fun to see two and a half-year old Rylan's squeals of joy when his Grampie helped him open his new choo choo train! He also became a big brother on December 14 to a baby sibling who had a major problem. However, Children's Hospital in Boston sent up their specially equipped motor van and had him back at Boston and in surgery when he was less than six hours old! He was there for a while, but is healthy and thriving now.

Each greeting card came with news of what was happening in their family. However, there was a drop in the number of cards received this year as well as the senders who have moved to retirement homes or other arrangements this past year. Now that I'm approaching my mid 80s that's normal. I can hardly believe I am that age except when I look at my graduation picture and that tells me it was eons ago!

**Fred and Ginny Clay Doircher**

found an apartment in Houlton for the winter. Son Brian is tending out on them, as the old time saying goes. They'll return to their beautiful summer cottage next spring. How they enjoy it with children and grandchildren there frequently. There's nothing like a cottage on the water to ensure yourself a plentiful supply of grandies through the summer!

**Jo Clark Meloon** stays in close contact and today she sent me the thank-you letters from the three recipients of our class scholarships we gave this year. There are some very needy and appreciative students who could not attend Maine without those scholarships. Prices have gone up beyond any of our imaginations! I recall buying mostly used books at the bookstore for two or three dollars at the most. Textbooks these days seem to start at \$30 and go up from there—and everything is eight to ten times the cost when we were students. Remember stamps were two cents and went up to three cents during the war. Penny postcards were a penny!

Italian sandwiches were 25 cents. (My daughter paid four dollars each for some of Amato's last weekend!) Our shoes were three or four dollars a pair, and I hear of sneakers being \$50 to \$60 a pair and more. It's simply beyond my comprehension. Our new home in 1948 cost \$9,600 and these same houses are now selling for \$400,000! Now they plan to raise the minimum wage to seven dollars an hour—yet I worked on campus for 25 cents an hour in the early 1940s whether it was in an office or waiting on tables—that was the going rate in the 1940s. No wonder we are known as "The Greatest Generation." We didn't expect as much and we were all happy in the same boat together.

Now, that really sounds like an old timer and I am one! And fortunate enough to be here and enjoy the rest of my life.

**Roger and Gerry Keenan Oakes** have moved to a retirement home in Presque Isle and Gerry continues to take care of the old ladies! She has always been a giver!

**Bob Chase** and wife, Marge, have moved to Dirigo Pines in Orono for the winter as Marge's heart started acting up last fall. But they're thoroughly enjoying the many campus activities available to them.

Marge told me our classmate **Harriet Daw Cousins** is there too! She was one of our five-year nurses graduating in 1946—but started with

us and we're so happy to claim her as ours! Her son is close by—very attentive and they're flying down to Sarasota, Florida, for a visit soon. They used to spend their winters there each year.

I must say I truly miss Fort Myers, Florida, with all the activities from boating to bridge and the pool. At the alumni luncheon we had each year, we really had a large group that seemed to come from far and near all in the state and/or planned their vacations to include it! We always looked forward to that, and the alumni office told us we had the largest turnout of any other area they went to—from California, Arizona, and Florida each winter. My! How I do miss that!

No card from **Pete Calott** this year but I understand his heart problem has been taken care of—he's always stayed very active. **John** and **Sue Wilbur** are still active and we got together with **Barkly** and **Libby Tufts Goodrich** '49 in the fall. Long-time friendships continue to endure.

My arthritis keeps reminding me of my age too! In March I'm having surgery on my right hand. It seems besides both the osteo and rheumatoid arthritis that I have inherited I've developed severe carpal tunnel syndrome! The surgery is planned for March when my daughter from New York will be able to come to stay with me for a few weeks. Fortunately I'm quite comfortable using my left hand for many things (My Dad was a total leftie. I think I may have some of his tendencies.)

I'll need help dressing, bathing, and most of the cooking, as well as driving me to my physical therapy sessions. Do keep me in your prayers! I will need it! I expect the healing will take a while but if my hand does as well as my knees did when they were replaced in 1998 I'll be doing fine by summertime! Do wish me success—I can use it for certain.

**Doris Emery Spencer's** card and letter told of her many activities in the retirement home where she lives in Peabody, Massachusetts. It sounds far nicer than the one I was in, at least as far as activities go! I simply did not enjoy playing bingo or poker and no one played bridge. There were some nice musical programs but many were what I called "guitars and cowboy music" and that was not for me. Actually, I'm enjoying the movie channel as I missed the majority of the great movies of the late 1940s '50s, and '60s! And I'm seeing them now on



TMC—the music suits me perfectly!

Doris started a “used” boutique where they are and is on the board for that as well. She has always been a very active participant in anything she undertakes.

So far, I know of three of our classmates at Dirigo Pines. I wish they might start one of those facilities in the greater Portland area. I think it would be successful.

May you all have pleasant winters and if you are like me, you are already planning a small garden for your yard—small and lovely colors with a plant at each end to keep my summer meals beautiful and delicious! Do send me a note if you have something to share with our classmates—we all enjoy hearing about one another.

## 1946

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For the Class of 1946—rejoice! Some news for our class column. I received a WONDERFUL letter thanking our class for the 1946 scholarship from Paul E. Curtis of South Thomaston, Maine. He is pursuing a degree in civil engineering. His letter of appreciation was truly outstanding. Our class should be very proud to help Paul with his education.

No other news. Send me an email! MSE

## 1947

*60th Reunion*  
*June 1-3, 2007*

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Happy Spring, everyone! Can you believe it's been 60 years since we graduated from the University of Maine? I hope some of you are planning to attend Reunion this June—it's always a fun time and great to see some familiar faces. Please send in some news for the next column!

## 1948

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Greetings, fellow classmates. The snow is blowing around outside and the thermometer hovers around ten degrees. Time to write the spring column and wish spring would arrive. Although the mailbox yielded little from classmates, a big offering was received from classmate **Philip B. Turner**. He sent a copy of his recently published book, *A Rebel Redeemed*, an interesting short historical novel. Phil used the fictitious diary of Charlotte Carver as the backbone of his story. It is based on the experiences of American soldier, John Culver, who became an early settler of Sussex. Charlotte's diary recorded the stories John told his children of his war adventures after his return from the Revolutionary War and settling into family life at home. This book was presented as a play at Sussex, King's County, Canada, on October 4, 2006. It is a thoroughly enjoyable read. Thanks for sharing it, Phil. Philip Turner is a Mapleton native, and after graduating with our class, he received his master's degree from the University of Massachusetts, and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He currently resides in Caribou, Maine. His P.O. Box is 202, Caribou, ME 04736 should you wish info about the book.

**Barbara Sullivan Knowlton** entertained the “kitchen cabinet” at her home in Waterville on September 19th. Jane Longfellow Cullen '47 cohosted the lovely luncheon served to 12 grateful classmates and three equally grateful guests all from the Class of 1947—*aforementioned* Jane, B.J. Durgin Banton '47, and Evie White Desmond '47. Thanks for the lovely afternoon, Barb and Jane. The sweet and sour chicken was finger lickin' good! You are the best!

Sadly, I must report the death of our beloved classmate **Helen Noyes Taylor** on December 21, 2006, at Dover-Foxcroft. Helen was an active participant in our class activities and whenever she came to our “kitchen cabinet” gatherings, she added a touch of class. She contributed a great deal to her community

of Dover-Foxcroft and spearheaded many fund drives for the YMCA and other organizations. She'll be much missed by her family, friends, and classmates.

As usual, I'll end the column with a plea for news and happenings from you '48ers out there. Please take a minute to send an email with any snippet of news you have on your doings. Are you knitting, exercising, or vacationing in Greece or Disney Land? Do you have grandchildren to brag about or are you volunteering? Had a face lift lately? We'd really love to hear it all (particularly the last one!). Adios!

## 1949

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*This was the final column submitted by recently deceased '49 class correspondent Dorothy “Dolly” Averill Hawkes.*

Winter has finally arrived here in Maine after some strange January weather with unseasonably high temperatures. Hope you all enjoyed the holiday season with your families, as I did.

### Dorothy Averill Hawkes Class of 1949



As we prepared to go to press we were saddened to hear that **Dorothy “Dolly” Averill Hawkes** '49, '84G passed

away in a Bangor hospital on March 13. Dolly was the faithful class correspondent for her class from 1984 until her death. She was an active alumna and visited campus for sporting events, reunions, and other functions. She listed “friendships made at the University of Maine” as her fondest college memory.

Some of the top players, coaches, and officials in Maine basketball history are members of the fourth class of inductees to the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. That class was honored during a ceremony on October 6, 2006, at the University of Rhode Island. Among the college coaches selected for the Class of 2006 was **Jim Beaudry** of the University of New England.

In November, I received email from **Paul Albert** (engineering physics). Paul wrote, “Just a word to let you know I appreciate your column in the *MAINE* magazine. I don't have occasion to visit the state in person and at least your notes keep me informed of University of Maine news, which would interest me. My main travels outside of California these days are (for sport) to Alaska, which in some ways reminds me of Maine. After leaving UMaine, I went to grad school at NYU and wound up a metallurgist married to a young *Time Magazine* reporter and together we amassed eight children. The oldest is a professor at the University of Oklahoma. The others are: a Ph.D. physicist (San Jose), a career facilitator (Colorado), a city planner (San Francisco), a language teacher (also San Francisco), a sales manager, police officer, and a stock broker, presently in New York. (The latter, Angeline, is married to a former French National Champion ‘Kick-Boxe.’) The ensuing generation now numbers 18, the oldest of whom is married and in grad school in Colorado. No third generation yet, but all the grandkids appear to be very bright, obviously from their grandmother's side.” You must be very proud of your family's accomplishments, Paul, and I'm sure some of those smart genes came from granddad as well.

On April 24, 2006, **Colleen “Sparky” Richardson Coates**, a founder of the Sacopee Valley Health Center, was honored as one of Maine's 100 by governor John Baldacci '86 at the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards ceremony at the Hall of Flags at the state capitol in Augusta, Maine. Maine's 100 is a way for the Governor's Service Awards Review Committee to recognize who they feel goes above and beyond the call of service. In 1975, Sparky and other concerned citizens sat in her living room and dreamed up the concept of providing medical service in their small southwestern Maine community.

The health center opened in



September 1976 with 99 patient visits. Thirty years later the center sees approximately 3,570 people each year. SVHC's service area now includes 10 towns in Maine and two towns in New Hampshire. Throughout the years, Sparky has spearheaded many grass roots activities. She has been an invaluable resource to the Sacopee Valley area communities and continues to donate her time and effort in serving the health center. On August 10, 2006, the Sacopee Valley Health Center celebrated its 30th anniversary where the theme of the celebration was the will of one woman to make sure her neighbors got the medical attention they needed. Congratulations, Sparky, your awards are well deserved.

The '49ers' fall luncheon meeting was held in October 2006 at **Lexy Carter's** lovely home on Sebago Lake in Windham, Maine. Hostesses and caterers for the event along with Lexy were: **Nancy Carter Bishop** and **Barbara Haney McKay**. Others in attendance were: **Thelma Crossland Robie, Dorothy Averill Hawkes, Marion Stanley Burns, Mark Dirks Snyder, Verna Wallace Andrews, Pollie Rawlinson, Sasshy Foster Addor, Colleen Richardson Coates, Babs Pulsifer Kilgore, Priscilla Thomas Rines, Barbara Bickford Crimp, Mary Wiswell Libby, Kay Kennedy Nickless, Barbara Thompson York, Libby Tufts Goodrich, Louise Litchfield McIntire '50, and Ginny Stickney Cooper '50.**

In December I received from **Vance and Evelyn Ellsworth Dearborn** their annual Christmas letter. From January to March they visited their families: Errol in Maine; Sue in Connecticut; Lynne in Illinois; and Shirley in Oklahoma, all on their way to Texas. The highlight of their trip in Texas was a whooping crane boat trip (there are now 218 whoopers, up from the low point of 15 in 1941). Being avid bird watchers, they visited other Texas birding spots. They traveled over 12,000 miles; went to nearly 100 new counties (only 125 more to go), and added five new birds to their life list. In May they took a riverboat trip (a trip of a lifetime) from Vienna to the Black Sea. Last August, Evelyn underwent heart surgery for replacement of the aortic valve and eventually a pacemaker. With the help of her wonderful family, amazing doctors, and great friends, Evie says she is fortunate to be doing so well.

A note from **Jayne Hanson Bartley**, Class of '49 president,



**John Buckley '49 (left) was on the UMaine campus recently to speak to civil engineering students. With him are UMaine president, Bob Kennedy (center) and college of engineering dean, Dana Humphrey. John, a highly successful engineer and businessman, received the alumni association's 2005 Alumni Career Award.**

asked me to remind the class that we had pledged at our 55th Reunion \$25,000 to the university as our class gift, with 70 percent pledged to Buchanan Alumni House Endowment, 15 percent to the Senior Alumni Fund, and 15 percent to the president's discretionary fund. As of November 30, 2006, the class fund balance is \$2,465.61. The outstanding balance to be paid on our pledge is \$15,000. Jayne has requested that any future monies donated by our class to the alumni association be earmarked for the Class of '49. She also wanted to remind us that we would soon be planning our 60th Reunion.

**Jeannette S. Staples** passed away on October 12, 2006. She graduated from Bangor High School in 1945 and received her B.A. degree in history from the University of Maine in 1949. After graduation, she taught at Winslow High School and in 1950 she joined the Bangor Public Library as reference librarian. While in Bangor, she joined the U.S. Naval Reserve as a WAVE. In 1960 she moved to Bar Harbor to accept employment as head librarian at the Jesup Memorial Library where she met her husband. She retired in 1967 after the birth of her daughter to devote herself to being a homemaker for her family. She continued to be a resource for the library both as a patron and advisor. She was an avid reader and lover of animals. She was a devoted member of her

church and a member of several community organizations. She is survived by her devoted husband, the Honorable Bernard C. Staples of Bar Harbor, and her loving daughter, Heather Staples of Portland. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Jeannette's family.

Thanks to all of you who sent me your news and hopefully more will follow.

## 1950

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Our New England winter was truly a "non-winter!" We shall hope that with the advent of spring we will experience temperatures that are more representative of the season! Winter 2007 consisted of rain, warm temperatures, and more windy rain—with an occasional flurry! Eastern Connecticut had only two sets of flurries by Martin Luther King weekend; my family wondered what in the world we would experience when we made our annual trek to Okemo, Vermont, for the family's long MLK weekend! It was an amazing sight as we drove along and did not see

one speck of snow during the entire trip—and the only snow on the slopes was that courtesy of the snow machines! Nonetheless we were undaunted and decided that snow or no snow, we were heading for Ludlow and environs to enjoy a great family weekend—just being together. It turned out that despite the warmth, the intrepid skiers were on the slopes on Saturday and again on the Monday before it was time to return to reality; the rest of us walked, read, ate, napped, played board games, laughed, ate some more, and just thoroughly enjoyed!

By the time you read this column, Reunion 2007 will be just around the corner. We hope that as many who are able, will be in Orono for our very special Class of 1950 activities as well as those of the reunion classes plus Senior Alumni. The executive committee met in early November at the Samoset Resort on Penobscot Bay and was delighted with crystal clear skies and warm temperatures. Prexy **Maggie** noted that at the summer meeting in Portland, UMAA president and chief executive officer Todd Saucier '93, '97G awarded **Marjorie Higbee Saunders** (wife of **Henry**) a certificate designating her as an honorary alumna of the University of Maine. We were in agreement that given the fact that Marjorie is and has been a staunch supporter of the Class of 1950, it was most appropriate that Marjorie also be named an honorary member of the Class of 1950. An appropriate certificate will be presented to Marjorie at Reunion 2007—and how proud we are of her—and for her! Henry stays very involved with the university including the development council, the UMaine Foundation investment committee, as well as class agent for our class—and we thank both for their dedicated service to us all! The meeting then set to work on planning for Reunion weekend in June. We plan to present the Greatest Generation Award to two classmates on Saturday morning, the 2nd of June at a ceremony to be held at the Flag Plaza. It will be a time of joy as we honor our valiant classmates **James P. Jalbert** (8306 Pamela Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23220) and **Willard C. Sawyer** (18 Cat Cove Road, Stonington, Maine 04681). It will also be a time of remembrance as we conduct an annual memorial service for classmates who have died since last June. Please try to join us in Orono, for we have a superb time just being



together while getting caught up on all of our comings and goings! The bookstore has a great variety of quality items, and how we enjoyed being able to make one selection that can be discounted by the number of years we have been out of the University. This year will mean a 57 percent discount on something we just cannot do without purchasing. As **Dottie Lord Hopkins** advised me last year as I was looking at a fleece vest, "You can't afford to pass up that purchase!" And I didn't!

**Gerald and Mary Davis Bailey MacLean** wrote that they became great grandparents when wee Brady arrived safely on this earth—to the delight of the entire family. Mary said both she and Gerald are very well—and happily ensconced in Brownville, Maine. **Lawrence** and **Nancy Kangas** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows at the Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The newspaper clipping noted that "surrounded by their children and grandchildren, they marked the occasion in a surprise double-ring ceremony while being serenaded by Elvis, who sang 'Love Me Tender' and 'Fools Rush In' in their honor. The entire wedding party retreated to The Range Restaurant in Harrah's Resort and Casino, and completed their sentimental journey with a stay at the Hyatt Regency Resort on Lake Las Vegas." It must have been a gala time of it! The Kangases reside in Bellingham, Massachusetts, and thoroughly enjoy having their three children and six grandchildren close by. **Bob and Ginny Kennedy Nickless** are delighted to be "full-time Mainers" after their move back to Waterville (412 Main Street, 04901). They are so pleased to be back close to family, especially during the holidays. **Mary Whitcomb Stover** is still in Venice, Florida, (4840 Lemon Bay Drive, 34293) and said that she so enjoyed the holidays with 10 family members close at hand to celebrate them with her. I received a touching note from the daughter of **JoAnne Libby Olson** who said that Jo has moved to the JRC Nursing Home in Swampscott, Massachusetts, as her health slowly continues to decline. Jo's first great-grandson arrived just about a year ago—and he does light up her life! If you would like to drop JoAnne a note, please write to her c/o Sarah Olson-deMelo at: 35 Hampden Street, Swampscott, Massachusetts, 01907.

I received a nice long letter from



**Clair Shirley '51 (right) enjoys the March Sarasota, Florida, alumni luncheon with Jane Thompkins Miller '65, '90G and husband, Bob '63, '66. (Photo by Lola Orcutt.)**

**Dick Packard** who now lives at: 1027 Aron Circle, Nokomis, Florida, 34275. His career was a distinguished one what with teaching assignments at New York University as well as Northeastern University, his work in the active reserve of the United States Army where he retired as a colonel in the Corps of Engineers, and then his work in the field of semiconductors not only with Honeywell Corporation, NASA Electronics Research Center, and Infrared Industries but also with BDP Associates where he served as president. He sends his very best to all of our classmates, and hopes to get to Orono for a reunion, particularly as the last one he attended was our 45th in 1995. **Irv and Dottie Butler Marsden** wrote that they are well established in DeLand, Florida, and have been delighted to have family visit with them—and one special visit in April culminated in a cruise in the Caribbean Sea. Dottie and Irv were able to housesit in Brattleboro, Vermont, during a part of the summer of '06 and thoroughly enjoyed a visit "down memory lane" inasmuch as they both worked in Hinsdale, New Hampshire. This summer they plan to rent a house on beautiful Peaks Island in Casco Bay where they can be "back home"—and at the same time visit family in Massachusetts. **Eva Burgess Newell** and **Hank** enjoy their home in Melbourne, Florida, but also relish the summers at their cottage on Lake St. George in Maine. Eva wrote that this year they arrived in time to celebrate the 96th birthday of her aunt who received a walking cane from the town that is passed on to the oldest living person. Nice custom!

**George and Isabelle Sands Sampson** wrote that they are doing well—and travel whenever they have the opportunity. They still live in Newington, Connecticut, (94 Barnard Drive—06111) but happily traveled to Maine for the summer, cruised the Caribbean, visited Williamsburg, Virginia, and then in September flew to Rome, Italy, where they toured for three short days. To cap off this trip to remember, they boarded a Big Band Cruise across the Atlantic to New York, stopping at several ports including Bermuda, Monte Carlo, and Barcelona, Spain. The ship had a superior 16-piece band that played "our kind of music" every night. George and Sandy did indeed dance their way back to New York. Would love to have seen the two of them dancing away—and wonder how many pairs of shoes they wore out!

We received the sad news that **George R. Foster** died in early January at home. George received the Greatest Generation Award last June and how proud and happy we are that he was able to attend the ceremony in Orono. George is survived by his wife of 58 years, Robin, and their children.

I received notice of the January death of classmate **Frank Potenzo** who resided in Cape Elizabeth with Beatrice, his dear wife of 47 years. He had been a district manager with Equitable Insurance for some 40 years, and though he officially retired at the age of 75, he continued to be very active with the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club, the Purpoock Golf Club, and was a bell ringer for the Salvation Army during holiday seasons. Frank was a varsity tennis player while we were undergraduates, and continued his

enjoyment of the game through the years.

That is about the extent of the news for this column. We shall look forward to seeing you at Reunion in June and/or at the annual summer meeting at the Cumberland Club in Portland at 10 a.m. on Thursday, the 2nd of August. We will have a short meeting, share a delicious luncheon, and then have plenty of time to just chat away! Those who are interested will also have the opportunity to view the latest exhibit at the Portland Museum of Art just around the corner from the Cumberland Club. For more information, please write or call me at the above address.

Happy Spring! Ruthie

## 1951

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We extend our deepest sympathy to Jack Ryder and his family. **Joyce McGouldrick Ryder** passed away on November 29, 2006, after a yearlong struggle with cancer. Joyce was a therapeutic dietitian following graduation and then became a homemaker for Jack and their four children. Later she managed a dental office. She was active in the Ohio Chi Omega Alumnae and as a hospital and nursing home volunteer. In retirement, Joyce and Jack made their home in Williamsburg, Virginia. Jack served as our Class of '51 president from 2001 to 2006, and Joyce and Jack together were instrumental in organizing the summer lobster picnics held each year to plan for our 55th Reunion. We deeply appreciate their loyalty and service to the University of Maine.

**Arthur and Jeanne Dentremont** have a new address. They are now living at: Stearns Assisted Living #308, Millinocket, Maine 04462.

**Mary Hastings Dumas** and **Bruce Folsom '49** write that they enjoyed a wonderful two-week vacation in May 2006 on a river cruise on the Rhine and Mosel rivers in Europe. After starting in Amsterdam in the tulip season, they visited Koblenz, Trier, Luxembourg, Strasburg, the Black Forest, and Basel, Switzerland. In December, Bruce was undergoing therapy to



restore hand and finger function following a stroke and says that Mary is a great occupational therapist. By the time this column appears, Bruce, we hope you will have made it back to the ski slopes.

**Valerie Smith Stimpson** of Ardsley-on-Hudson, New York, was unable to attend our 55th Reunion due to a stroke. She sends best wishes and writes that she is making a good recovery.

**Hilda Livingston Miller** and husband, Stan '49, of Tustin, California, attended Reunion and while they were on the East Coast went on to further adventures. After a 14-day Elderhostel in Prague and Budapest, they went to Vermont to celebrate their daughter-in-law Crystal's finishing her master's in English at the Breadloaf School at Middlebury College. From there they took their grandson Haley to an intergenerational Elderhostel in the Adirondacks, where they studied the stars, planets, family histories, and Indian tales and culture.

In September **Joan Wiswell Beach** and husband, Dale, attended an Elderhostel at St. Martin, New Brunswick. While there they learned that the Pejepscot Trail, a walking path along the cliffs of the Bay of Fundy, was named for the former Pejepscot Paper Company of Topsham, Maine, that once owned large timber holdings, including Walton Lake, in the area. The original Pejepscot building in Topsham is now the Seadog Restaurant.

## 1952

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Copy for Class of '52 column cupola coverage. Don't mind me. I am just reviewing my alliteration skills. Downeast Senior College is sponsoring noon speakers at the Maine Grind, a new restaurant in Ellsworth. When I was trying to think of a catchy title, I thought of Senior College Sponsors Seminars with Soup. Now I am back at it. While I was exercising in the Ellsworth YMCA pool, I was urging other swimmers to help me with alliteration. A man spoke up and said that wasn't alliteration but it was ono-



**Prescott Johnson '52 (right) enjoys a conversation with Joseph Kantauskis '68 at the alumni reception in Tucson on March 2nd.**

matopoeia. We needed another opinion, so we approached a Bryn Mawr graduate to settle the dispute. She wasn't sure about onomatopoeia. A man who is presently a professor at a college in New York City overheard us. He explained the meaning clearly and how each part of the word got its meaning from Greek origin. How great it is to swim among some very smart fish. Now if you have forgotten the meaning of either of the terms, take this on as an assignment and head for a dictionary.

Of course, you are right indeed. I do have a few news items in my folder and I don't really want to come up blank. Especially important because our column precedes Nancy Schott Plaisted's '53, whom I consider the most proficient gatherer

of news among the class correspondents.

**Mary Snyder Dow** has been in contact with **Ethel Mae Scammon Theriault**, and later, Ethel Mae emailed me. Ethel Mae's husband, Gerry, died in 1986 with kidney cancer. I didn't remember that. Even though Ethel Mae and I had been close friends at both Old Town High School and the university, we had lost contact after a few years. Ethel Mae has remained in Hopewell, New Jersey. The *Bangor Daily News* had her mother's obituary a few years ago and I think I called her at that time. That was our last communication with one another, so when she emailed at Mary's prompting, I was happy. I have given her some information about our coming 55th Reunion and invited her to stay here

in Hancock with **Adelaide "Gump" Grant Ruby, Ruth Drysdale Frazier**, and me for the Bar Harbor part of the festivities. Before Ethel Mae moved to Old Town, she lived in Orono and there she was a friend of Mary Snyder Dow's. Ethel Mae said she had been thinking of me lately because she remembered a conversation we had in high school about growing old. She also said that stage seemed totally inconceivable to us at the time. Just think, Ethel Mae, now we are almost at that stage. The psychologist who is to be one of these Senior College speakers will talk about The Art of Aging. He told me he believes the earlier in life one plans for the aging process, the readier one is. Having taught elementary school for so long, that doesn't sound unlike learning to read. A bit of a readiness period enables the student tremendously.

Back now to Mary Snyder Dow. Her Christmas letter has pictures of her travels with Stewart Coffin from 1994 to 2005. There is Canada, The Cabot Trail, biking in Holland, St. John in the Virgin Islands, biking along the Danube, on the beach at Virgin Gorda, rafting in Alaska, biking in France and in the Austrian Alps, kayaking at Grand Cayman, biking in Germany, and last between Dessau and Prague. Stewart's book, *Tall Trees and Wild Bees*, was published in June. His next book, *Geometric Puzzle Design*, was to come out in January. Following that, *Black Spruce Journals* will be on the market. Stewart received an award for his significant lifetime contribution at the International Puzzle Party in Boston. After the award was announced in the *Andover Townsman*, Stewart was invited to teach a session at the local junior high school. Congratulations on everything, Stewart. Mary and Stewart will be at Reunion both in Bar Harbor and Orono. Why don't you bring a few books to sign and sell, Stewart?

And speaking of books and authors: If you have not yet read *While You're Here, Doc: Farmyard Adventures of a Maine Veterinarian* by Dr. **Bradford B. Brown**, you should. I wrote about the book in the winter issue of *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. The memoir was written up again in the *Bangor Daily News* on October 2, 2006, and called "a hoot." The article states that Dr. Brown does superbly providing character sketches of Maine farmers. Any way we can enjoy a laugh is beneficial to our health. Reason enough to get Brad's book, not to



**John '52, '54G and Marie Gower were among the attendees at the Naples, Florida, alumni event in March.**



mention the author is among our own classmates. You should also bring your book along and have a signing, Brad.

Class copresident **William "Bill" Currie** emailed to say his wife, **Harriet Johnson Currie**, had injured herself by slipping on a kitchen rug. She did recover in time to attend the University of Maine hockey game in Portland on December 16, 2006. **Joan Vachon Victor** and her husband, Milton '51, were there as well as **Jean McIntire White** and husband, Linwood '54G. Copresident Bill also emailed a message he had from **Gladyce Baker Stais** wishing Harriet a quick recovery. Gladyce told of **William Whited's** full recovery from hip surgery. They were to spend Christmas in Colorado with Gladyce's entire family. After returning to Portland, Gladyce was off on her usual winter travel adventures. India was her first destination with her return trip to include Paris in February. In late March, Bill and Gladyce were going to Peru for a two-week stay.

**Lillian Sargent Katsiaticas** was pictured on television and in the *Ellsworth American*. On December 16, 2006, her husband, Charles Katsiaticas, was honored by having the Ellsworth High School gymnasium named for him. Charles was a Springfield College graduate who had coached many winning basketball teams at Ellsworth. Congratulations to the whole family including Lillian's daughter Mary, who is my across-the-street neighbor.

**Virginia Norton Beach** emailed a press release from the November 18 issue of the *Anchorage Daily News*. The headline read: "**Ruth Moulton** was a rock until the end. Community Activist: Cancer silences active Anchorage woman." It continued, "Among many community projects, Moulton sued and petitioned the city for the creation of Town Square, fought for the survival of Fairview as a safe neighborhood, and argued against programs she believed helped street drunks roam the streets. A straight-talking New Englander, she made a mark on Anchorage in a way that few citizens did. Moulton's public life has been chronicled in decades' worth of news articles and opinion pieces that she wrote. Moulton was born in Portland and grew up in Sebago Lake Village where her dad was an apple farmer. She moved to Alaska in 1961 after teaching in Maine for a few years. She taught at East High School in Anchorage for seven years and later worked as a clerk for



Getting together at the Tucson alumni reception in March are (left to right): alumni association president, **Todd Saucier '93, '97G**, **Elisha "Perk" Gould '52**, **Sally Gould**, and **Roger Gould '52**.

the State Department of Fish and Game. A friend was quoted as saying that she had always liked Moulton's attachment to the idea of town meetings, which she had grown up with in Maine. Her friend also said Ruth lived that town meeting philosophy there in Anchorage. Ruth's nephew, Andrew, said that Ruth found funerals boring and had requested that there be no memorial service." There was also a beautiful colored picture included with the article. The news sounds like another of our '52 classmates had quite an impact way up in Alaska.

A short time ago, there was still space with the '52 classmates and friends who are going to Vancouver on September 29, 2007. Copresident Bill Currie has done a great job organizing the trip. I was excited to learn from The Honorable **Alan Pease** and **Margaret Murray Pease** at Christmas that they too will be taking that trip. Others traveling with the group are: **Bill** and **Dorrie Mayne Lindquist**, **Ken** and **Ida Moreshead Wiley**, **Virginia Norton Beach** and **Elwood "Woody" Beach '51**, **Perry Hunter** and **Diane Compton**, and **Carol Prentiss Mower '53**. There are others going also, but I am deciphering from email addresses, and I am not sure who the others are.

At the business reunion dinner meeting at Downeast Village Restaurant in Yarmouth last June, Bill and Harriet Johnson Currie, **Virginia Norton Beach**, **Donald E.** and **Marilyn Kilpatrick Burt**, **Al Cole**, **Elizabeth Leighton Furlong**, **Perry Hunter**, **Bill** and **Dorrie Mayne Lindquist**, **Ronald Schutt**, **Joan Vachon Victor**, **Ken** and **Ida Moreshead Wiley**, **Dorothy**

**McCann**, and Gladyce Stais were class attendees along with guests including **Bion Foster '68**, **Dan Willette '69, '70G**, **Paula Paradis '71**, **Chris Corro**, **Alice Bean**, **Milt Victor**, and **Diane Compton**. Class copresident Bill Currie called the meeting to order and introduced the guests and thanked those from the alumni association and the UMaine Foundation for coming. Class agent, **Perry Hunter** reviewed the status of the class fund which then stood at \$13,857. **Perry** also reported that the class had made some small contributions during the past four years. Please remember the class goal for our 55th Reunion is \$55,000. Copresident **Al Cole** stated the status of the endowment fund and named this year's recipients. **Ginny Norton Beach** told of her initial contacts with the Bar Harbor Inn and the Hull's Cove Lobster Bake Company. The lobster bake price was \$27.50 last summer, but may be slightly more by our Reunion. Time will be at 5:30 in case another group wants to be served at 7:00 p.m.

After graduating from Bowdoin and Naval Officer Candidate School and a three-year stint in the Navy, my husband, **Hubbard**, went to graduate school at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Whenever Michigan played in the Rose Bowl from then on, we planned to go to the game, but we waited too long. At Thanksgiving, when I was with my son, **Tim**, and his son, **Elijah**, who is a freshman at Northeastern (and I certainly did try to get him to go to the University of Maine), I said if Michigan plays in the Rose Bowl, which at the time seemed highly unlikely, let's go to the game. When

**Tim** called to say that Michigan was actually playing so I had better get on the computer and get the tickets, I decided it would be too quick a trip for me because of their other time constraints. I did get them tickets however, and off they went. At the end of the third day, they were back in Boston. From there they took the train to Portland. Of course, Michigan did not do well, but they had a wonderful time.

On New Year's Eve, I did the Bangor downtown count-down with **Alice Walden**, (Farmington '57) and her husband **Ron** (Bates '57), and **Carol Prentiss Mower '53**. We first went upstairs in the city hall to hear a great acoustical guitar program. From there to Bagel Central for loud jazz. Next to the *Edge*, a new free weekly newspaper published in Bangor, for coffee. The weather was mild and very comfortable for walking around Bangor. The Opera House had a great bluegrass group from Cambridge, Maine. We stayed there also to watch a Charlie Chaplin movie. The Senior Center on State Street is an old bank with its interior beautifully renovated. The old safes are used for tape and DVD storage along with other equipment. Table games were ongoing, and delicious goodies were being served (toward which one could donate). A trio was playing in the living room with a warm and welcoming atmosphere all around. We stayed there until almost 12:00. The parking garage was open with no charge; just a hop, skip, and a jump from where the ball drop took place at midnight from the old Caldwell Sweet Drug Store. Many families had their children with them and there was next to no alcohol visible. I was so enthused, I would like to get something like this happening in Ellsworth on New Year's 2008.

We'll be celebrating our 55th before the next issue of *MAINE*, so we should have plenty of news by then. I am indeed looking forward to seeing all of you there.

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# 1953

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They say think spring and graduation for this column, but where I sit it's white snow and bitter cold. Hard to think of birds and bees and green ballparks, but I did and came up with UMaine's baseball team pictured on Page 164 in our 1953 *Prism*. There they sit, some 21 young men, "Mike's men," as the headline read, and what followed were these words: "The University baseball team under the guidance of coach Mike Lude had a season average of 10 and 10. Fine pitching was displayed by Marty Dow '51 who had a 5 and 4 record for the season. He gave up only 35 bases on balls, 1 home run, and 3 triples in 74 innings while he struck out 48 men in the same number. Trafton '51, Woodbrey, Butterfield, Simmons, and Cram also saw action as pitchers this year. Chub Clark was outstanding for the squad with a batting average of .325 for 77 tries. **Al Hackett** followed closely with .319 for 72 times at bat." Their schedule: 18 games.

Now I know nothing about batting averages and bases on balls, but I told myself I would call up some of our classmates and find out what baseball was all about, *way back when*. Some I reached, some I didn't.

However, let's play ball! (or whatever they say when the game begins). You realize, this is in no particular order. Whoever answered the phone got grilled and one thing led to another. **Hank Woodbrey** was eating lunch. **Woody Carville** was out running. **Ted Tocci** wasn't home, and **Al Card** had company for dinner. And when I tried to reach **Dave Bates** in Allentown, Pennsylvania, someone who went to Rensselaer in the '70s (I believe he said), answered the phone. I was getting nowhere! Of course, as usual, I waited till the last minute to write this column. Anyway, I soon became lucky and reached the team's manager (1950-1951), Dallas Knight, of Sanford, Class of '52. Dallas didn't play sports, he said, but he had a liking for baseball. However, he found out a lot of things he didn't know about the game when he stepped up and asked if the team

needed some help. He got the job and he and Charlie Allen '52 of Sedgwick, Maine, were managers.

This shortstop ("infielder between second and third base" **Ellis Bean** told me), of South Paris, played baseball his sophomore, junior, and senior years. (He also played ball at South Paris High School.) "I had a great time," said Ellis, who went out for football his sophomore year. He spoke of coach Mike Lude his first year, and the last two with coach Tubby Raymond, who went on to the University of Delaware. "I've seen him on TV in the Delaware football games," said Ellis. After UMaine (where he was in ROTC for four years and received his B.A. in math), Ellis went on to the University of Connecticut to get a B.S. in pharmacy. Somewhere in there he served two years in the Army Artillery in Ft. Bliss, Texas, and then the Nike base in the Boston area. He then became a pharmacist in Norway, Maine, for the rest of his active life, retiring in 1992. What does he do now? "Very little," came the answer, "no special hobbies," but he does a lot of reading—*Newsweek*, *Time*, magazine subscriptions. He and Faye, a Gorham State Teachers College grad, have three children and five grandchildren. As to reunions, he did go back to UMaine to the reunion where anyone who received a letter in any sport at the university was recognized. (Ellis received his first letter in baseball in the spring of '51.) Thanks, Ellis.

These **Woodbrey** boys all played ball at Standish High. Five went to UMaine and one to Springfield for a year. And Hank, a pitcher in '51, '52 and '53, was one of them. "Four of us boys played varsity baseball," he said. Edward '49 ("all nine positions in one game"), Vic '52, and James '56. Hank said James, a catcher, still holds the highest batting average for one season at UMaine and that Vic was one of the all-time best pitchers at UMaine. (Jim worked for Monsanto for 25 years.)

Hank, who said he couldn't hit very well and didn't pitch much in high school, spoke of Rupe Johnson at Standish. "He made good ballplayers out of kids that hardly had a baseball in their hands," he said. "The ball didn't have a cover, they'd be taped, that's how poor it was then." Hank had Hal Westerman as freshman coach, Mike Lude his sophomore and junior years, and Tubby Raymond his senior year. He said Tubby was "A

hell of a baseball coach. He's a legend in Delaware as football coach."

Hank got hit a few times, "I was pitching batting practice and got hit, but I got base hits too." He said Al Card was catcher, captain, and Al Hackett, centerfielder, held the RBI record for a long time. "We had some good teams, we were co-champions our senior year."

Hank said a short time ago **Bob Churchill** and his wife, Dottie Leonard Churchill '54, of The Villages (Florida) sent an email and all is well. (Remember all that tornado damage in the area.)

Well, Woody Carville came back from his one-hour walk to the post office, so I got to talk to him for a bit. He played first base as a freshman, but also played varsity football and basketball (captain), five letters, and frosh basketball and baseball, two numerals. For four years he was a teacher/coach in the public schools of Waterville and Laconia, New Hampshire. Woody talked of coaching high school football, golf, and ski teams and said he went to Laconia last weekend. He spoke of a state championship in football and two state championships in skiing. "They were outstanding," said Woody. Names came up, such as Mike Hodges '67 (guard) who went on to become head football coach at the University of Massachusetts and Dick Devarney '66, quarterback, John McGonagle '64, end, and Ernie Smith '65, tackle, who had a tryout with the Green Bay Packers.

Woody, as many of you know, was assistant coach at UMaine for five years (football, basketball, baseball), coaching UMaine's freshman team. He helped Jack Butterfield the year the first time Maine went to the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska. I could go on, but let's just say he's been involved with the university for years and years. The movie *We Are Marshall* came up, about the football team that perished. Woody saw it a few months ago, so that's on my list to see.

Woody's in great shape and when I asked what he was going to be doing for the next 20 years, he said, "Try to stay fit and keep moving." Well, that he'll do as he was leaving in March for a week and half to join classmate **Ron Bishop** in building a house or houses in Guatemala.

Here's a utility infielder by the name of **Lehan "Pete" Edwards** of Pembroke, Maine. Where's Pembroke I asked. His reply? Leighton

Point, six miles from the entrance to Eastport. As to his baseball position, "It was sort of a second string player. If ever there was an injury in the infield I could fill in, second, third base, shortstop." Pete, a phys ed major, played at UMaine three years. He said Ellis Bean was his nemesis at shortstop. "He beat me out. We got along fine." He also said "**Wally Gagnon** was a good guy."

Baseball was something Pete grew up with. He played at Monmouth Academy all four years and played summer baseball in Monmouth while going to college. Pete said his dad, who died when Pete was 14 or 15, was an avid baseball fan and bought him his first baseball glove. Also, an uncle, an avid baseball player, played for the Monmouth town team and Pete played on the same team, second baseman. "He was my inspiration," Pete said. He spoke of baseball, how it's grown by "huge proportions." A Red Sox fan, he said, "Hopefully we wanted to be the next Red Sox player." He also said something about "redshirt" and according to *Webster's New World College Dictionary*, it's "to withdraw (a player) from the varsity team for a year so that the player will be eligible for athletics an extra year later."

Why the name Pete? "Something my mother gave me, she used to call me Joe Pete."

Pete, in ROTC at UMaine, spent two years of active service toward the end of the Korean War and some 11 years in the Army Reserves. He coached winter sports (downhill skiing primarily) at Winthrop High, where most of his career was spent. He and his wife, Joan, both retired, were active teachers, he in Winthrop for 32 years, where he taught science and coached. He then went on to become athletic director and principal for a couple of years, and then principal for 17 years. Joan was an elementary school teacher, mostly in Wayne.

Pete and Joan have three children, two sons and a daughter, and one grandson. Two boys went to UMaine: Kendell '87, a mechanical engineering major, of Winthrop; and Keith '93, of Richmond, a political science major, now a journalist with *The Kennebec Journal* in Augusta. Their daughter, Kellie, of Winthrop, a Casco Bay College grad, works for Tex Tech Industries.

Pete stays active, hiking year-round every Sunday afternoon with the Pathfinders group. Joan goes





The 1953 University of Maine Black Bear baseball team compiled a 10-10 record.

also. A member for 12 years, Pete said they hike in the immediate Washington County area and had just come back from a two-hour hike to West Quoddy Head in Lubec. "We've hiked Machias and East Machias and as far down as Columbia Falls and as far south as Petit Manan in Milbridge," he said. He also skis some 147 miles away at Sugarloaf where they have a small condo. He said that after he retired he became a certified professional ski instructor and taught at Sunday River in Bethel for six years. Then they moved Down East, too far to travel, he said.

Pete, 75, who doesn't celebrate birthdays, joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary around 2000, learning search and rescue. He was the educational officer. A member for five years, he said, "It was a lot of fun. I enjoyed it." Thanks, Pete.

Third baseman Ted Tocci, of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, who played in 1952 and 1953, called me back. Thanks. He said his position was known as the "hot corner," as the ball comes the fastest. He said, "I thought we had a strong team then." Ted also played football, baseball, and hockey at Watertown (Massachusetts) High. "Kids always played two or three sports," he said. Ted said he's "awfully busy," as he ran for selectman last year and won. He's been involved in regional planning and town affairs since moving to town 10 years ago, and Marietta, his wife, is making jewelry, with gemstones. "She's having some pretty good success with that," he said. See you at the next reunion!

Somewhere in between, **Lloyd Oakes**, who played outfield at Old Town High but no baseball at

UMaine, gave me a call. He and Gloria, of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, are enjoying their condo on the ocean in Ft. Pierce, Florida. However, it was raining and 68 degrees when he called. He said they leave the end of January and return the first of April. They're parents of four (zero grandchildren): one in Reno, one in Vermont, and two in Massachusetts. Lloyd spoke of the alumni association coming down March 14 to a picnic, a "do-it-yourself-kit" as he called it, on the island in Pepper Park. Sounds great! I can't wait for a picnic!

This player was captain in 1953. "I guess it was an honor," said Al Card of Augusta. "I was still the catcher," Al, who thinks he was Number 31, played outfield in 1951, outfield, then catcher in 1952, and catcher in 1953. "We played a 22 to 25 game schedule," he said. "Nowadays they play that many down south. A Division I team will go down south, like now." He spoke of the present UMaine baseball coach, Steve Trimper, who replaced Paul "Costy," who's now head baseball coach at the Naval Academy.

Al umpired high school and college for 33 years. "Umpiring was great," he said. He umpired UMaine games from the late '60s through 1990, four or five games a year at home. "I'd catch them on the road," he said. The last contact he had with coach Lude was when Lude was the athletic director at the University of Washington.

I said baseball players don't have much protection, do they. His reply? "A catcher is well protected and still is, chest protector, shin guards, mask. A pitcher is out there on his own. They learn real quick."

Al played football, basketball, and baseball at Paris High in South Paris. "It was a small high school; everybody had to play." He mentioned shortstop Ellis Bean of South Paris and said "Tell Beanie that Al told him to call him." Al and Irene (yes, it's Irene and not Rita like I mentioned in my last column, sorry), with five grandchildren and two step grandchildren, have lived in Augusta since 1965. "We're happy and content here," he said. *Note:* Al didn't mention his being inducted into three Hall of Fames, other awards, and working three Babe Ruth League World Series, but I will. Done. And the next 20 years? "Stay alive, I hope. Enjoy my grandkids." Thanks, Al.

I did call Ron Bishop in Cornelius, North Carolina (where tulips and daffodils are coming up), since he and Woody were going to Guatemala. Ron didn't play baseball at UMaine. He said he was 16 going to college and "a little runt. I didn't hit 160 pounds until I was probably a junior." He said the only thing he did athletically was being a football manager, one of the assistants, "cutting up oranges." Ron's working for an affiliate Habitat for Humanity group, Our Towns Habitat. He said there are 1,600 affiliates in the U.S. and that 20 houses in North Carolina, in his surrounding towns, are being built at this time. "We build 20 houses a year and right now three are actively under way, a rolling process," he said.

"We arrive in Guatemala March 18th with 20 people on the team," said Ron. "Woody goes as my buddy. He's one year older and he's in good shape." And Ron goes on to

tell how he finally climbed Mt. Katahdin in mid-October. "At 74 I finally made it. Woody liked to wear me out. I was afraid he was going to kill me that day. Woody climbs on, he'd wait, I'd catch up, he'd climb, wait...."

Ron now spends 400 or 500 hours a year, about half of what he'd been doing for Habitat. He's been at it 11 years and has a big crew that works with him. The next 20 years? "I've been involved in the construction of about 130 to 140 homes and I hope to be able to double that in the next 10 years. I doubt that I'll want to work when I'm 85." Right now his major responsibility is organizing a group of retired people like him to work. He has about 70 on his list and spends every Sunday night calling them, to see who wants to work that week. "I found this to be a more rewarding avocation than playing golf," he said.

Speaking of golf, here's Ron's spin on the game: "I had a very short career in golf for two years." He said there were two funny things about golf. "One: Most people who play golf regularly never break 100. Two: Most golfers, they come back from playing a round of golf and they're frustrated because they missed a putt or dropped one in the pond. I didn't want to live my life being frustrated and not being able to break 100." He said one positive aspect of Habitat: "I broke 100 all over the world."

Ron, who has grandchildren going to college, also works on his farm (almost 150 years old) in Stockton Springs, Maine, two or three times a year. His daughter, Rhonda Bishop Wood '81, and her



husband, Jeff Wood '82, both UMaine grads, live there. Rhonda is a schoolteacher in Swanville, just north of Belfast, and Jeff tends the farm, restoring it. "A lot of restoration work," Ron said.

Ron and Lorna, both cancer survivors, recently went through the Panama Canal and then Costa Rica. "We've been very fortunate. We're traveling every month, something planned." He said two weeks from tonight he's going to visit his younger daughter in Rutland, Vermont, and his son in Colchester. And as far as Ron is concerned, we're all "girls." Hurrah!

I have to put a little ambiguity in here, something one of my relatives sent: How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs? Where do forest rangers go to get away from it all? If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes? I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose. And in my last column I made a comment about a Lobster Shoot at the Eagles Club in Arundel. I reached someone at the club the other day and she said, it's when they roll the dice, high/low score, they give away lobster.

I'm curious. Who has the Maine bear license plate UMO HC? Mine is UMO 53. I almost wanted to follow the car when it went through downtown Kennebunk a month or so ago. I should have. Maybe they were only going to Rite Aid, the post office, McDonald's. I could have talked to them. Kennebunk is not a very big town. Please call.

As I said, I didn't reach all the players I wanted to, such as Wally Gagnon, of Lynnfield, Massachusetts, second baseman, who played baseball for four years (now I know why, it's February and he's probably in Naples, Florida), Al Hackett, centerfielder, of Orono, and Dave Bates, supposedly of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Perhaps the next issue. (**John McGuire**, shortstop, died in 1990.)

Here's a classmate in Oxford I called, knowing that he didn't play baseball, but I saw in our class *Memory Book* that that he was looking for Chester Campbell, a Phi Mu brother. Well, he found him in Texas, thanks to the university that let Chester know Art was looking for him. Great! Anyway **Art Gouin**, of Norway, has "dropped an anchor," as he said and is "mostly retired." Art is a Mason and belongs to the

Oxford Chapter in Norway. He's active in chapter and council and treasurer in both.

A three-year Navy veteran (electrician's mate), he said a group of World War II and Korean veterans (not the Mason group) meet for breakfast monthly at a local restaurant. Art went to UMaine at age 21 after the Navy. He spoke of his brother **Don**, also Class of '53, who retired in Norway and was chairman of the school board (Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School). He and Don were born in Norway, two years and a week apart, and Art lives 100 yards from where he was born. His parents both worked, he said. "My mother loved her two boys."

He and Don are working on what people have said and or done in the last 70 years. "We have the largest collection of useless trivia of anybody around," said Art. When's the book coming out? "Probably never," came the reply. "We've talked about this book for three years, and a fraction." How can they remember all this useless trivia? "Memory is a trained behavior," he said. "And age is almost an attitude."

Art, grandfather of two, said "I've been blessed." Andrew, after four years in the Army, was headed home to Stoneham, Maine, the day we spoke, and Ryan is working with masons on estates on Block Island, Rhode Island.

As to his next 20 years? "I'll try and figure out what I want to do when I grow up."

The university sends columnists photocopies of classmates making the news and I received two. First, from the *Kennebec Journal*, dated September 22, 2006, with the headline: "Club members receive Legion of Honor Awards." There in the photo stood **Harry Jose**, straight and tall, past president of the Augusta Kiwanis Club, honored for "50 years of perfect attendance at weekly meetings and an estimated 10,000 hours of community service." Harry, the retired owner of the former Jose Motors in Augusta, received the certificate along with four other Kiwanians. It was estimated that Harry devoted approximately "200 hours a year to Kiwanis activities." Congratulations!

In the August 23, 2006, edition of *Foster's Daily Democrat* in Dover, New Hampshire, was another headline and headshot: "Stritch unopposed for county commissioner." I should call you, **Donald Stritch**, but I've finally run out of time. He was running for re-election for District 3,

so congratulations! It said Don, a Republican, "believes Rockingham County to be the finest-operated county in the state, with the lowest taxes per person and best long-term care services." Don and Bertha reside at: 959 Londonderry Turnpike in Auburn and have three grown children.

Don majored in zoology and received his master's in history and government in 1962 at UMaine. He also has a master's in school administration. And he's been a busy man. It said that he's a "member of the Auburn Historical Society and was the Auburn town and school district moderator for more than 25 years. He was a state representative for 11 years, a member of the school board for six years, and a school principal for 38 years. He was also a volunteer firefighter." Classmates never give up, do they. Forward march!

It is on a sad note that I end this column. Our classmate **Fred Tarr** has died. The service on January 8 was a fitting tribute to Fred. In the brochure handed out at Saint Luke the Evangelist Church in Westborough, Massachusetts, it stated: "On December 28, 2006, Fred reached his destination and left everyone for his climb to the top of the holy mountain." On the cover was a photo of Fred working at a table, with his dog at his side. It told of Fred's life and I wish I had room to write all of it here. I can't, but I will write some of what was written in this four-page wonderful story of his life. You could see that this father of six had accomplished many things in his 75 years. "At two years of age he wandered from his home and was found after two hours close to home in the Baltimore sanitary fill, fast asleep. This was a memorable moment because this was probably the start of an important career ... finding valuables in the least expected places!"

It told of Fred, when he was about 18 and on summer vacation in Saco, Maine, with his family, of saving a man who was caught in the ocean undercurrent. Then a few years later he pulled a struggling person out of the Saco River. "This was a difficult save because she wanted to commit suicide." And in England when he and Jacqui were in Victoria Station, "there was a disturbed and noisy crowd yelling for security. Fred went over and saw the woman who had fallen between the train and the platform. Without hesitation, he grabbed her arms and pulled her out of harm's way to the

safety of the platform. Is this an ordinary man doing extraordinary things?"

Under the listing: "Fred's hobbies/interests: architecture, photography, reading, music, sailing, UMaine sports, aerobics, antique trains, above ground box-gardens, purchasing and maintaining commercial and vacation real estate in Maine, and sauerkraut dinner. He also loved trying out the new model cars. He purchased about 27 cars. He had an eye for a good bargain two of which were a '58 Mercedes Benz and a Cadillac Eldorado (in which Jacqui would not drive around town). He also loved to support UMaine, founding a scholarship (with his sister Natalie) which is now worth over \$500K and provides up to 20 scholarships per year to needy students."

The service was a fitting tribute to Fred. His six children stood at the front of the church and one of his daughters spoke for all of them. What wonderful stories she told.

Then: "On June 28, 2000 Fred became a paraplegic because of multiple myeloma and never returned to the lovely home in Bangor, Maine. Fred did not die with cancer. He lived with cancer. Fred was a devoted loving husband, father, and grandfather to 15 wonderful grandchildren."

Jacqui, our thoughts go out to you and your family. Wishing you the best. You're strong—we know you are.

Just as I was about to send this off to Orono, along came an email from Ted Tocci:

"Following our conversation this morning I remembered I meant to thank you for all the phone calls and reminders you make relative to the Class of '53 activities. I missed this summer's get-together because Marietta and I were in Scotland. We spent five days in Turnberry on the west coast playing golf daily, resting, and doing a little sightseeing. We spent the remainder of our trip based in Edinburgh taking day trips to many of the lovely towns surrounding the city.

"As I mentioned to you, I have been very busy since becoming a selectman last March. We moved here in 1995 and I've been volunteering and serving on a number of local and regional activities, i.e., the Rockingham Regional Planning Commission, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, its tactical advisory committee, the Hampton Falls Planning Board, Capital Improvement Program, and Road Commit-



tee. I enjoy the involvement serving the community on a volunteer basis."

We talked about the '53 baseball team and he later recalled how much he enjoyed getting an early start during the winter practicing in the huge field house. "The trips south during the spring break were always a treat and so much fun. I thought we had a very strong team and all of us got along so well. Mike Lude, our coach, was a tough task master and I learned a great deal from him. My interest in baseball has not waned much. We are off in a couple of weeks to our annual retreat in Vero Beach, Florida. The LA Dodgers have their spring training facility in Vero and we have season tickets. The Red Sox come to town March 16, so we will be rooting for our favorite team. That is about it for now. Hope we can see you and some other classmates sometime this summer." Thanks, Ted.

So, now as I close for another four months, please think of UMaine (and me) and keep in touch. We will see one another at our 55th Reunion in 2008, won't we?! And hopefully this summer somewhere along this beautiful coast of Maine.

## 1954

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The holidays have come and gone, winter finally has hit Maine, and we are beginning to look toward spring with hope! The good news is that we're getting some of you "trained" as we've had several notes of news from classmates. We're encouraged; we'll take even more! Letters, cards, or emails are all acceptable! Also, please be sure that you let Orono know of any USPS or email address changes!

We've heard from **Marjie Robbins Lalime** who is still very busy in Damariscotta even though she sold her very successful gift shop business a few years ago. She continues to serve on the board of the Lincoln Home, an assisted living

facility, in nearby Newcastle where she has been involved for 10 years. This allows her to be involved with children nearby. She and friends are currently planning a spring vacation on Tybee Island off the coast of Savannah, Georgia. They bill it as a bridge, beach, and dining vacation. She sees **Pat Parsons Fales** (and her husband, Bob '55) who is also active in local community affairs.

**MaryMac, Peg Thompson Homans, and Jane Ingraham Diplock** all met for lunch recently in Augusta. **Pat Hamblet Petry** was to have joined them but couldn't. Jane won the Ladies Club Championship this past summer at the Augusta Country Club. She has been one of Maine's top women golfers for many years and this was the 11th time in her career to win this distinction—not bad! A number of years ago she made *Ripley's Believe It or Not* when both she and her father, playing on different courses, but at approximately the same time, had holes-in-one on the same numbered hole and with the same ball!

We got a nice email letter from **Arthur Woodward** and his wife, Lois, of 219 Evergreen Avenue, Braintree, Massachusetts, who had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 19, 2006. The event was hosted by their daughter, Ann, and son, Steve, their spouses, and their five grandchildren. In 2005 the Woodwards enjoyed a European river cruise as part of their celebration. They have lived in Braintree for 32 years. Lois has celebrated her 50th reunion from Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy where she has spent a good part of her adult life in service of the college.

Art served in a Nike Missile Battalion during 1955-1956. Both Art and Lois have lifetime careers of teaching and educational administration. They have lived in Maine, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. He holds an M.Ed. from Rutgers, has done National Science Foundation work, as well as additional study in administration at New York University and Boston University. They are still active members of the Wollaston, Massachusetts, Church of the Nazarene, membership starting in 1967. The Woodwards enjoyed being on campus and also enjoyed our 50th!

An email at the end of the summer from the Reverend **Richard K. Bailey** indicated that "summer folks have gone home; fall folks are arriving by the numbers to 'Old Cape Cod.'" Lots of summer visitors included grandchildren, their cous-

ins, etc. Among the visitors were Dick's brother Harold and family. Harold is a retired vice president of academic affairs at South Dakota University. Dick's spouse, Jane, continues busy volunteering at the Harwich Center Church and at the Cape Cod Council of Thrift Shops. Dick continues as a residential chaplain with a local funeral home for those who are non-churched. They still enjoy their motor home but setting up and unhooking the tow car is sometimes a bit of a problem. No wonder some of the Class of '54 would call Dick, at 82, "Grandpa!"

Editor's note: Since preparing our column and prior to preparing for publication, we received notice that Dick passed on December 10th. We, as a class, wish to extend our condolences to Dick's wife, Jane, and the family. Those of us who attended our 50th Reunion class memorial service will particularly remember how the Reverend Bailey so aptly conducted that service.

We heard from **Jerry P. Hallee**. He and Paulie "are doing as well as can be expected" for their age. They haven't traveled since their trip to Hawaii but have been busy renovating and fixing up their two houses. He says, "it takes longer to accomplish things at our age but things eventually get done." For any of you who are interested in class data don't hesitate to contact Jerry at: 47 Maynard Street, Arlington, Massachusetts, 02474, or at: jerryhal@aol.com.

Those who attended our 50th will remember **Howie Ainsworth** and Janice with their motor home at Orono and the Samoset. The last we heard from them they were at Coastal Bend Teen Challenge, located in Driscoll, Texas, 12 miles south of Corpus Christi. There were five RV couples there with more expected. The project involved converting a former boys' correctional facility into a beautiful youth center for over 200, plus staff.

We did get a quick email from Howie over Christmas with a beautiful photo of the Worcester Wreath Company of Washington County. Maine's annual wreath laying project at Arlington National Cemetery, a very special project of love and respect, was covered extensively this year by the national media. Howie and Janice, although on the road a great deal, can be reached at: ainsworth@wwdb.org. Home for the Ainsworths is still DePere, Wisconsin, same address and telephone numbers.

A very interesting update over Christmas came from **Ed Lyon** and wife, Jackie. They continue to live at their winter home at: 2110 Little Farms Court, Deltona, Florida 32738. Ed enclosed an interesting newspaper clipping from the *Lewiston (Maine) Sun Journal* regarding a genealogy pursuit of Ed's relative who was a barnstorming, daredevil pilot in the '20s and '30s.

Ed and Jackie spend their summers here in Maine which has enabled Ed to do his research at Paris Hill, a beautiful area. Jackie has had a serious time with macular degeneration but a new "Restore" lens has enabled her to return to 20-20 vision without glasses! Both Ed and Jackie have had some additional health problems but they have risen above them. They drove to Maine in June via Ohio, and back home again in September by the same. Shortly after arriving home the Lyons and grandson Noel flew to Anchorage, Alaska, where the highlight was a bush pilot flight through the wilds in a Cessna 172.

We hear and have not gotten additional details yet, that **Edward "Tim" McManus** and Barb; and **George "Bud" and Val Kewley Weiland** did a fall trip out west following the original Lewis and Clark expedition route. Without a doubt there is plenty of adventure to hear from these seasoned travelers.

Finally, we just received a very gracious thank-you letter from Ashley Brann of Augusta, Maine. Ashley is a member of the Class of 2007 at Orono and is the recipient of the Class of '54 Scholarship for the academic year 2006-2007! We all remember the days of our own struggles at the University of Maine and how important scholarship aid is, particularly in today's economy. Gifts to the scholarship fund are always welcome.

## 1955

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Well, here we are heading toward spring and summer 2007. How the years seem to go by so much faster than ever!

Nice to hear from **Shirley Kirk Ayer** via **Mary Atkinson Johnson**.



Shirley and Bud wintered again in Arizona. She had a wonderful visit with **Mary Bigelow Wheat**, **Ellie Rider Sprenkel**, and **Nancy Caton Dean** at Nancy and Glen's in Connecticut on their way west. Shirley, Mary, Ellie, and Nancy lived together and all taught in the Greenwich, Connecticut, area their first year out of college. Shirley said it was a wonderful "non-stop talk" reunion and such fun to get together with old friends.

Bill '56 and **Mary Atkinson Johnson** write that they can't believe they have two grandchildren who are in high school this year. They have six grandchildren—five of whom are boys and an adorable little granddaughter who started preschool two days a week. Mary had a fun trip with her daughter and granddaughter to California to visit Mary's sisters in the fall.

**Ruth Dow Durst** and **Ted** celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2006. They have lived in California for 36 years. Their children transformed a large room in their church into a garden party atmosphere for their 50th celebration. Ruth said, "Wonderful fun and so beautiful with arbors, wicker furniture, baskets of potted plants to later plant in our garden, bird baths and recorded bird sounds, food, and friends made it just special." Their Christmas letter showed the wonderful family which they have.

An article from the *Lincoln County News* shows **Sam Birch** being honored by the American Cancer Society for his outstanding volunteerism. Sam was the recipient of the 2006 American Cancer Society Sandra C. Labaree Volunteer Values Award and is a longtime volunteer for Daffodil Days and the Relay for Life of Kennebec County. Congratulations, Sam, on your very hard work that you do in volunteering for the Cancer Society of America and the honor that you received for this. Thank you, **Sylvia Farris Keene**, for sending this article along.

Sylvia also said that **Ellen Dow** had visited her and **Westy** recently. Ellen lives in Dover-Foxcroft where she has some incredible gardens, both vegetables and flowers. Sylvia and Westy keep busy working on their house and spending "delightful time" with their grandchildren.

**Muriel Verrill Gade** kept her promise to write me and tell me about her Rhine and Moselle River cruise. She said it was the highlight of 2006. She started the cruise in Amsterdam and ended in Basel,



**TKE brothers and 1955 classmates Earl Mushroe (left) and Dick Eustis get together during the Tau Kappa Epsilon '50s reunion in Biddeford Pool last June.**

Switzerland. One of her favorite cities was Cologne, and in Rudensheim she thoroughly enjoyed Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum with its awesome player pianos. Muriel indicated that the scenery was beautiful and the Reisling vineyards unbelievable. She said, "so much history that it was difficult to absorb it all . . . the beautiful cathedrals and the castles! It was a wonderful trip and a great group." It does sound great, Muriel, and we are so glad you had a fantastic time.

Please take a minute to write me with any news you might have. It would be great to hear from you!

## 1956

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Greetings, classmates. We've made it through another Maine winter—a very strange one this time—and the birds—including our snowbirds—are starting to return. Soon it will be Reunion time again. Remember, we are now members of the Senior Alumni, so from now on we are special every year. I hope the Class of 1957 has as much fun at Reunion as we did in 2006.

**Betsy Harvey Ruff** sent me a copy of a letter from Amos Orcutt '64, president/CEO University of Maine Foundation and Todd Saucier

'93, '97G, president of the UMaine Alumni Association, acknowledging our completion of the \$100,000 pledge commitment to the Pride of Place Campaign which will endow the future of the Buchanan Alumni House. When you visit UMaine, be sure to visit the alumni folks in Buchanan Alumni House and view the timeline gallery which bears the Class of 1956 naming. Thanks again to all classmates who helped us attain our 50th Class Reunion fundraising goal.

Do you remember that picture we had of **Paul Firlotte** in the *Memory Book*? Paul was inducted into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame in 1992 and now the Maine Running Hall of Fame has recognized his outstanding achievements. He was inducted into the MRHF on November 5, 2006. The UMaine Sports Hall of Fame has recognized the letter-winning achievements of **Jack Small**, UMaine football captain in 1956, inducting him into that Hall of Fame in October 2006.

Speaking of pictures in the *Memory Book*, I've always loved the silhouette of *Prism* editor **Zane Thompson** gazing out the window. We send condolences to his sister, Marilyn Levette, on his passing.

Thanks to many of you who sent new Christmas cards. **Hank Brodersen** reports that he is still playing tuba in two church groups and the Southern Maryland Concert Band. This year he participated in his first Tuba Christmas in Solomons, Maryland. Freeport, Maine, hosts an international Tuba Christmas that I've participated in for several years. Great fun and a very different sound. **Dick** and **Dena**

**Jewett Ackerman** spent a month last year exploring the Southwest, following the old Route 66 wherever possible. **Pat Nelson Madach** is still working at her travel agency, Away You Go, arranging cruises for others but doing none of her own! She spent the summer at the beach—just took her business along with her—loved it so much she decided to relocate as soon as her current home sells. Elva Brackett Alden '57 writes she was so glad she and **Howard Alden** came from Colorado for our Reunion as he died in October. Howie started with us but graduated in '57. Elva was a waitress and Howie was one of the dish-washing crew in Estabrooke Hall.

**Gilles E. Auger** has published and had printed 60 books of his mother's genealogy. He traced family all the way from Sanford, Maine, to the first colonial in Québec at Ange-Gardien near Québec City and to La Grimaudière in Vendée, France. His mother's maiden name was Yvonne Garneau. She was born in St. Fortunat, Québec. His son, Paul G. Auger, was a great help in the computer side of things. It was a long but very rewarding work. His cousins from Maine to California; Texas; and Alberta, Canada; have enjoyed the results! He writes, "I have great memories of our 50th and the wife was very impressed by my classmates and the reception we had in Orono. We are looking forward to the 55th."

**Judy Barker Carducci** writes, "I taught portrait and landscape painting in southern France in October—weather and country gorgeous, food fabulous. Flying internationally these days, however, is exhausting; avoid de Gaulle if possible. Three national and international publications had feature articles on my artwork and I taught the Portrait Society of America's Portrait Academy at the Richeson School of Art in Wisconsin. I'll teach near Siena, Italy, this year and then go on to paint in Greece. 'Retirement' is marvelous!"

**Stu Haskell**, retired director of athletics at the University of Maine, has been working since retirement on a history of UMaine athletics. It will be published this summer and will include names of all of the men and women who have played sports at Orono (over 16,000 in all!), game scores, records, conference results, names of coaches and assistant coaches, captains, etc. It will be some 700 pages in length and will be on sale at the alumni office or alumni can purchase copies through the mail. Price will be \$34.95 plus



\$6.00 for shipping. This sounds like a good coffee table addition.

**Betty Kononen Berry** was the organizer of the Fabulous Food Fare and Silent Art Auction at the Samoset Resort on February 6, held to benefit Mid-Coast Children's Services.

Class president **Bill Johnson** received a thank-you letter for a class scholarship from Jonathan Pirruccello, **Pat Fortier Doten's** grandson. Bill saw Al '54 and **Jody Owen Bingham** and **Dick Clark** cheering for the Black Bear hockey team in Portland in December. Dick, owner of Clark Associates Insurance Company, now retired, and his wife, Julie, have turned into Florida snowbirds. Bill and I have received many notes and emails from classmates thanking our reunion committee for the great time they had at Bar Harbor and in Orono, celebrating our 50th. Many wanted to know what we are planning for our 55th. Keep tuned here for more information.

Thank you all for your great response to my request for information. If you change your email or snail-mail address please let the alumni office and me know. We don't want to lose you. Have a wonderful spring.

## 1957

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I hope we shall shortly be seeing each other at our 50th Reunion on Marsh Island in Orono. Remember, they figured out how to cut down the mosquito population, but it wasn't a good thing for the fish!

Last fall Les got an invitation to a Meet the Dean Reception for engineers on a Thursday night in downtown Portland. I went along and came home feeling very enthusiastic. Older fellows came in earlier and went through the re-meeting each other business, but then came the energetic youth after they got out of work and made their way downtown. The conversation level soon reached "buzz level," the food and drink was efficiently replenished, and everyone seemed to be con-

necting well. Official business started in the last half-hour with ice-breaker giveaways from the bookstore interspersed with interim dean Dana Humphrey's welcoming remarks. We left at about the stated hour, but that group was going to continue to catch up with each other for at least another hour—the desk said there was not a time limit on the use of the function room that night.

Early last fall, **Jim Varner** resigned as president of the Bangor chapter of the NAACP that he helped found. He wanted to go out on a high note, and feels that progress has been made in improving the understanding of all people in Maine—that we need to take care of all people, both in the courts and working to eliminate racial discrimination and segregation in all aspects of daily life in Maine.

**Howard R. Alden** took his master's in botany from UMaine and

his doctorate at the University of Michigan and embarked on a lifetime of teaching; eight years at U Idaho, 22 at Colorado State University, being a senior Fulbright Scholar in New Zealand in 1975, and spending another salaried year there in 1985, advising the Peace Corps in Peru, and working in Hungary and South Africa. He then worked eight years for the U.S. Forest Service and was a founding trustee of the Poudre River Trust and a founder and president of the Arapaho-Roosevelt Pawnee Foundation at the time of his unexpected death last October 1. He and **Elva Brackett Alden** came to the '56 Reunion and thoroughly enjoyed it, visiting the campus and seeing many friends. They have four children in the greater Denver area, eight grandchildren, and two "greats" who will remember Howie by his stories, love of fishing and the outdoors, his woodcarvings, and

innumerable other ways.

In Hampden, Maine, **Gene Putnam** has lived on the bank of the Penobscot for 42 years and is in his 31st year of providing land surveying and forest management to private landowners in that area and the region around his Sugarloaf Mountain chalet.

When we mature women walk into one of our "gatherings" (these are not exclusive—just ask anyone who attends if you'd like to come), we do feel like girls again. We can re-bond and share easily with those who have been friends for over 50 years. This year's winter meeting was at MaryEllenz in Bath, in a lovely function room hung with paintings. Alice Osier DePatsy '58 caught a ride with **Lois Whitcomb** and Jean Partridge Mason '56. Lois Blanchard Widmer '58 came from Brunswick and **Carolyn Skolfield** from Harpswell. Sandy Daley Denman '58 was the detective who found a meet-



## '50s TKES

There was a good turnout of Tau Kappa Epsilon brothers from the 1950s last June at the restored Coast Guard Station in Biddeford Pool, now vacation home of John and Mary Thomas' daughter. Front row (left to right): Henry Colby '56, Clayt Dodge '56, '59G, Fred Atwood-Lyon '56, Larry Burrill '56, Earl Mushroe '55, Don Towle '59, Wayne Cole '60, and John Thomas '57. Middle row: Dick Eustis '55, Frank Grant '56, Charlie Boothby '57, '75G, Dave Peakes '58, '59G, Paul Murphy '60, Stan Jordan '60, and John Ramsay '57. Top row: Dave Switzer '56, Cliff McLaughlin '58, Don Anderson '54, George Cooper '57, Doug Sutton '57, and Dick Glover '59. Mac Knapp '56 is standing on the porch. The event was planned and sponsored by Cliff McLaughlin, George Cooper, Doug Sutton, and John Thomas (with the assistance of their wives).



ing place suited to our needs right there in Bath. **Pat Wade Fraker** arrived with nametags and master lists, riding with Carol Pratt Jorgensen '61 and Chalmer Loud Lewis '60. Ginny Freeman '58 and Midge Grispi '60 came. **Ann Dingwell Knowles** came and said she'd have us next August. **Dru Nesbit Pedro** was not either gardening or golfing and **Claudie Halle Higgins** took a day off from grandmothering. **Mary Lou Hughes Richardson** and **Marilyn Pennell Johnson** braved the flying early morning dusting in the mountains to come over. **Barbara Swann Pineau** and Marty '58 met Les '63 and me and we took one car while they went off in the other to amuse themselves before they came back to greet the departing women.

Meanwhile, Lois and I have been busy gathering your *Memory Book* threads together in the hopes that you'll find a fond memory of those days on the Stillwater and will come and join us at some point June first through the fifth. We'd all really love to have you come.

## 1958

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To those of you who survived the winter in the Denver area, many kudos to you. As I write this column (January '07) the Boston area has seen a stray snowflake or two here and there but has been the recipient of plenty of rain. By the time you get to read this column, all will be a faint memory and it will be time to begin making your plans to attend our 50th Reunion for May 28 to June 1, 2008.

The class officers and executive committee members have held meetings with the alumni association and have a tentative lineup in place at this time. It seems that our main location for this Reunion will be the Black Bear Inn.

There will be no housing on the campus itself. Wednesday, May 28th, will be registration and "meet and greet" in our lounge at the Black Bear Inn. On Thursday the 29th, a tentative plan is on the boards for a bus trip to Greenville followed by a boat cruise on the *Katahdin* around Moosehead Lake and views of Mt. Kineo. Thursday evening would feature a Pat's Pizza party at the

Alumni House. Friday (May 30) will begin the actual Reunion festivities with the Senior Alumni luncheon (we will be inducted into this group at this time). At some time walking tours of the campus will be offered with a possibility of being able to walk into the classrooms and listen to the lectures. Saturday will begin with breakfast with the deans followed by a memorial service at the Newman Center in honor of our deceased classmates. There will be the class luncheon and business meeting and in the evening we are invited to the President's House for a reception prior to the alumni banquet. On Sunday will be the all alumni breakfast and award ceremonies. None of this is yet cast in stone, so if you have any ideas or suggestions please contact your class officers or the alumni office (Valerie Mitchell at 1-800-934-2586 extension 1-1144).

Notes from the backs of envelopes—Bob and **Lois Danzig McKown** are just back from an "amazing" missionary trip to India. They were partnered with four other people and the India Bible Literacy Group—eight tribal, caste, and leprosy villages. They dedicated what they had built—a well, two orphanages, two classrooms, and the first leprosy center. Lois says that it was days and nights right out of the *National Geographic*. They were enthralled with the people who they met. Says the Taj Mahal was "awesome" too.

The **Biscoes** (Mark '57 and **Jane Quimby**) are on the go as usual. Besides keeping up with their seven grandchildren, they are involved in volunteer work—singing with the choir at church, piano playing at the Chase Point Assisted Living Home, tour guiding at the Maine Maritime Museum, working with the Lions Club, and greeting patients and guests at Miles Memorial Hospital are just a few of the things they are doing. Mark has made several speeches to both adults and children covering subjects that appear in his second book, *Merchant of the Medomak: 1860–1910 Waldoboro*. One of the big events in their lives this year was spearheading a family project which involved "gifting" their family island to the Damariscotta River Association. The DRA will look after the island and it will be used to educate the young (and old) about wildlife and conservation.

**Ann Dunne Snow** and hubby, John, reside in Rockland over the winter months but are still keeping as busy as ever—Anne with hospice

work and John volunteering at Bowdoin and other facilities. Of course keeping up with their seven (the latest arrived in November) grandchildren keeps them out of mischief as well.

**Nancy Weaver Carroll Mello** lost her friend and husband, Joseph, when he passed away last April from a massive heart attack. For the time being, Nancy is spending her summers in Massachusetts with her children and grandchildren and with her sisters in Maine. She is planning to purchase a small villa in Northport, Florida, where they had been living during the winter months.

The **Thurrells** had their traveling shoes on again during the past year traveling to Newport, Rhode Island; New Hampshire, and to Hawaii for two weeks in September. When **Larry** is not helping Helen babysit their 12 grandchildren, he is cochairing the annual used book sale as a member of the Friends of Hockessin (Delaware) Library, fundraising for the expansion of the library, and he also chairs the annual Artisans' Craft Show held in November.

Grandchild number five arrived this past year to join the family of Tom and **Barbara Hasey Andrews**. Barbara says that they will be traveling to Budapest to introduce the newest member of the family to his relatives there. On the way home a stop will be made in County Down, Ireland, as part of Tom's search for his ancestry. The Andrewses still winter in Florida, summer in Maine, and spend the spring and fall in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. The biggest item on their agenda for 2007, however, will be the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Congratulations!

Hope that you all had a happy and healthy holiday season and that so far 2007 has been treating you well. A reminder to pay your alumni dues. Check the UMaine web site for information on the Reunion as time goes on. Enjoy your summer. Please write to let me know what you are doing; news has been sadly lacking for this column—I can't do it without input from you.

Don't miss a single issue  
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renew your membership  
promptly.

## 1959

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Hi '59ers! I am writing this while enjoying the lovely Florida winter. However, I understand when you get this it will be spring—so happy spring! I received a wonderful email from Lorene Patterson, wife of classmate **Irving Patterson** with news of their family. Irving has recently retired from his construction business which he has turned over to his five sons. The company is Patco Construction in Sanford, Maine. Irving started the company in 1985 after working as an engineer for U.S. Gypsum and American Cyanamid. Patco specializes in both commercial and residential construction, steel buildings, and stick built and modular residential. The modular company is known as Canbury Homes. The Pattersons live in Maine during the summer and Pensacola Beach, Florida, in winter. Summers find Irving working in the businesses and during winters in Florida, he is on the golf course, renovating their home, and helping neighbors rebuild after hurricanes Ivan and Katrina. They are proud that their five sons all graduated from UMaine with business degrees. There are also 11 grandchildren to be proud of as well.

Another great message from **Evie Stevens Smith** living in Carmel tells of their family news. Evie, formerly a kindergarten through eighth grade school principal, is now retired. She and her husband recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a cruise to Scandinavia, Estonia, and Russia. Another trip they enjoyed was an intergenerational Elderhostel with their 11 year-old granddaughter to Arizona, Las Vegas, and Hoover Dam.

Their three children are Dr. Dolly Smith Wilson, who teaches at Texas Tech; Toby, who works at the Washington D.C., traffic center; and Steven, who is retired from the Navy and works for Hinckley Boats. Evie is currently copresident of Friends of Maine Women's Basketball and serves on the Black Bear board of advisors. She sees classmate **Anne Christiansen Sleeper**, who lives in Hermon, frequently.



**Beatrice Reynolds** of Sidney and **Florence "Flossie" Johanson Varner** of Old Town reunited during homecoming weekend last year after not having seen each other for 36 years. They visited at length, sharing scrapbooks filled with Flo and Jim Varner's '57 five children and granddaughter and UMaine memorabilia of the Maine Masque theater and *Campus* newspaper. Beatrice also attended the president's brunch at the President's House.

**Niles Nelson**, though retired from teaching, has not retired from football. He is in his third season as defensive coordinator at Bangor's Husson College. His previous career included a 38-game winning streak at Orono High School and assistant coaching jobs at Maine, URI, The Citadel (South Carolina), and Florida State. He and wife, Ronnie, have a home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Bucksport. For a time he was also doing high school coaching in the Carolinas. He and Ronnie have four children and 13 grandchildren.

Received several news items last Christmas including a nice letter from Pat and **Joe Cuccaro** saying they have downsized to a small house in a senior community in Falmouth. They spent summer at their camp on Echo Lake while awaiting its completion. During that time they also celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Son Michael is general counsel for Georgia Technology Authority and he and his son Michael (age 5) visited. Daughter Kim works for CCC in San Antonio. The Cuccaros' new address is: 6 Homestead Lane, Whipple Farms, Falmouth, Maine 04105.

Another greeting came from **Merrill Warren Clukey** who lives in Garland. She took a wonderful trip to Portland, Oregon, and still works tax season for H&R Block in Dover-Foxcroft.

**Mary Coffin Sturtevant** lives in Winthrop, Maine, and writes that she volunteers for a local land trust and gives school tours at the arboretum.

**Jean Ulmer Tompkins** lives in Houlton and traveled to Washington D.C., New York City, Alaska, and Canada this past year.

That's all the news for now. Remember it is now two years until our big 50th Reunion! Any contribution made to the alumni association from now on may be designated to our 1959 class fund. Let's aim for a great class gift!



**Leith Wadleigh '59 visits with UMaine athletic director, Blake James, at the alumni event in Delray Beach in March.**

## 1960

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Greetings! This time the news I have to relate is much sparser than one would wish for. First, I want to wish you all a very happy spring and issue a plea that you make a resolution to send news for this column. Here we go on the news!

**Richard M. Gaffney** (B.A. and '61 M.A. in history) is the proud author of a newly published book about Georges "Drewyer," the Shawnee hunter and interpreter for the Lewis and Clark Expedition (1803-1806). Dick lives in Jefferson City, Missouri, on the Lewis and Clark trail. As well as being a writer and historian, he also is a living history re-enactor. Georges Drouillard is the character from history that Gaffney currently portrays in appearances around Missouri and vicinity. Gaffney's book includes maps of his own drawing, never before published photographs, and information on how Drouillard is being remembered today. Soon a statue of Drouillard will be erected on the state capitol grounds in Jefferson City. His book is published by AuthorHouse of Bloomington, Indiana. It is also available online at: [www.authorhouse.com/bookstore](http://www.authorhouse.com/bookstore). If you have questions you may call

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Dick's parents were the late Richard V. Gaffney '35 forestry and the late Marthe Cleo Degagne '30, '34G.

*Bon Appetit!* and *The Life and Times of Georges P. Drouillard* is a two-part non-fiction work.

**Rick Lloyd** spent three weeks in Maine with a side trip to Quebec City, showing a first-time visitor and friend around the nation's second most beautiful state. He said the campus at Orono was even more beautiful than he remembered with the new alumni center "just magnificent!"

Any classmates who come to the "most beautiful Sotu State" are welcome to call him for a tour of Hawaii and Oahu. His email address is: [shaira@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:shaira@hawaii.rr.com). Again, from Rick, Aloha nui loa.

**Don Moores** got in touch with me after 20 plus or more years. Don and his wife, Ann, live in Jacksonville, Florida. Don met Ann while in Washington, D.C. He is retired from practicing law (federal tax litigation and corporate law) and from banking. He was president and

board chair of a bank in Maryland. Don is now busier than ever assisting the U.S. Coast Guard as chief of security for the seventh Coast Guard District which covers South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He has done background checks as a condition of enrollment to volunteer for the Coast Guard. Don has traveled to many remote locations, in dozens of areas, and made hundreds of phone calls to coordinate activities. He literally has sent hundreds of emails, spent more than 5,500 hours between June of 2005 and 2006 working on a volunteer basis for security. In addition, Don has done USCG security patrols, search and rescue missions, and taught public education boat and safety courses. He most recently received the Commandant's (Admiral Thad Allen) Meritorious Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious and achievement and superior performance of duties." Don said he was "shocked" to be called to a district conference in Tampa to be presented the award.

Actually to those of us who know Don, this would not come as a surprise. Do you remember those wonderful scrapbooks he made and sent to us after the 25th Reunion? The generosity of Don and Ann manifested itself once again when I flew to Florida on Christmas Day as their guest for a week. We drove to Oostero, Florida, a good six-plus hours south, where we spent a night at **Diane Wiseman Linscott's** beach house on Anna Maria Island, before attending the Florida Classic Hockey Tournament in Estero. The first day at the tourney, December 29, Maine Black Bears made a nice win over Western Michigan. On the second day of the tournament we attended a reception before the game and saw many Florida Maine alumni. On that day during the second quarter Maine took a lead and defeated Cornell 6-3. Naturally, the Black Bear hockey team will be back next year. Maine and Cornell are the only two teams to play in all seven tournaments. President Kennedy, his wife and son, and many others traveled south from Orono.

Diane Linscott is a jazz singer who has made nine CDs. She does gigs in Florida in winter and lives in Castine in the summer, singing in the Bar Harbor area. You can reach Diane at her email, [DjazzL@aol.com](mailto:DjazzL@aol.com). I came home with four of her compact discs. She is



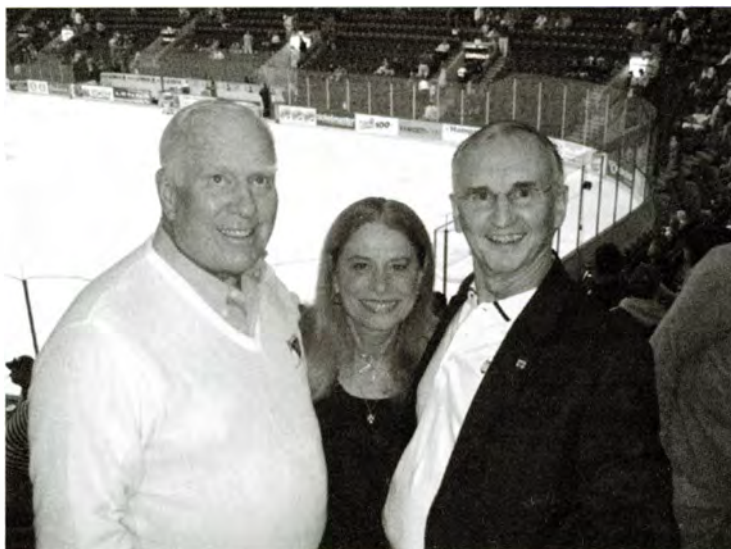
just one great jazz singer and joined us for the second day of the tourney.

**Dick Hogan** (Beta) and his wife, Nancy Nichols Hogan '62, were at the Maine Black Bears reception. Dick has an insurance agency in Bangor but spends a good deal of time in Naples in the winter. In the summer they live at Lucerne Lake, outside of Bangor. They enjoy golfing, biking, playing cards, and just enjoying the good life, taking at least one foreign trip each year over the past 32 years. So far they have been to 10 national parks.

Now back to Don and Ann Moores. Don and his pretty wife live at: 732 Queens Harbor Boulevard in Jacksonville, 32225. You can email Don at: doninjax@earthlink.net. Their four children are scattered about. The two oldest, Don and Elizabeth, are both lawyers in Maryland and Colorado, respectively. Their youngest son, John, is in the hotel business in New York City, and youngest daughter, Tory, is a news anchor at WMTW-TV in Portland, Maine. Don and Ann have a lake house near Portland that they both visit and rent out; so if you want to come to Maine and stay there, call Don at (904) 220-0312 in Florida. They were absolutely the most generous, wonderful host and hostess to me on my visit.

Back to Diane at Anna Maria Island, near Sarasota—it was wonderful to see her, and have her take us to hear some wonderful jazz there the night before the tournament in Estero. Diane's elder son, Walter (46), is an international lawyer. He and his wife, Melissa, and four daughters live in Georgia. Her younger son, Jonathan (40), is self-employed and lives in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

**Judy Ward Lessard** attended her 50th Edward Little High School reunion, and reports that **Jean Bertolini Brown** is retired, widowed, and looking for people who like to antique and travel. Jean is living in Denton, Maryland. **Joan and Press Mavor** live in Maine in summer, and Florida in the winter where they play a lot of tennis and are great ballroom dancers! I have tried to reach **Judy Pride Drapeau** as her brother, H. Doug Pride '66, is teaching chemistry here at Greely this year. **Hilda Santoro Emerson** is in Naples, Florida, and she and her husband spent Christmas in Las Vegas. This is all the information I have on these people, and hope to follow up on them with more details. **Nancy Small Russell** and husband, Jim '59, had 14 adults and 11 grand-



**Class of 1960 correspondent Gail Rae Carter enjoys a visit with UMaine president, Bob Kennedy (right) and Don Moores '50 during the Everblades Hockey Tournament in Florida in December.**

children for Thanksgiving.

When you receive this news it will be spring. Get ready, as I will be calling on many of you for news for the next issue.

Remember that your words are something very real. We have been through the details of homes and housekeeping, the child-rearing, and then there are the wars.

Send me communications of your life now, whether it be a phone call, an email, and most of all, a letter. Letters must not become a lost art! Give shape and meaning to life by sharing your experiences with the others of the absolutely fabulous Class of 1960!

## 1961

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So nice to get a long email from **Ann Lynch MacKinnon** with news of her and husband, **Ian's**, year of travels. They spent three months in Europe, a week in Ireland, two weeks in Italy, and the rest of the time in a rented apartment in Scotland visiting 63 relatives. Their three boys and their families, as well as other U.S. relatives, joined Ann and Ian on a revolving basis. Kids, Ewen '85 and George '88, both graduated from UMaine. Ann and Ian are members of the Kennebec Valley

Alumni Club and mentioned that **Shirlene Heath Gosline** is doing a super job as club president. **Dick Schade** is the former president.

Also on the move this fall was **Gingee Buckley Franco** and husband, Vince '62. They spent two weeks in Hawaii, cruising between islands at night and shopping and touring during the day. Later in December, the Francos went to Los Angeles while Vince trained to work on the National Assessment of Educational Progress. While in California, Vince and Gingee went to see Death Valley. **Etta Libby Dav-enport** did a bit of local East Coast travel this year. She and friend Mike explored the Allagash. They paddled 62 miles so you know Etta is in good shape. In October, Etta went to New York City for a touch of opera.

Heard from **Fred Stubbart** that he was reelected to the city council of Waterville and is still supporting Boys and Girls Club activities. **Nancy Woods Rearick** sent a cute photo of Dan '58 with his new grandfather clock and a couple of the grandkids. Nancy was unable to say much more since she was writing with a broken arm. No news on how that happened. **Artie Zalkan** sent news from California. He became a grandfather for the third time. Artie is now legally blind but can still see emails so I'll forward an electronic copy of this column to him. Artie wrote sports for the Springfield, Massachusetts, newspaper for years.

**Henry "Shep" Shepherd** and Joyce spent the holidays in Delaware with their daughter's family

and then flew to California for a visit with their son. Shep is still working but, as he says, "selectively." **Arthur Kilborn** joined the teaching staff in Bridgton, Maine, as a part-time math teacher. In the '90s, Arthur was a math teacher at MCI. In November, **Harold Hatch** was inducted into the Maine Running Hall of Fame. Harold was captain of the cross-country team while at college and set a New England masters record in the mile in 1979.

Things in my life are status quo except for having to doggie-sit Muttszo for a year while youngest daughter, Army Major Gingee Guilmartin, is stationed in Baghdad as an MP. She'll be home in August which can't come too soon. I'm still working in social research but hope to hang it up in January '08. Ex-husband **Foe Meader '60** is living in Skowhegan and opened an art gallery called A Place in the Forest. Stop in if you are passing through.

## 1962

*45th Reunion  
June 1-3, 2007*

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Happy spring, everyone! I hope you all have made your reservations to join us for our 45th Reunion the first weekend in June. The class committee has been working very hard throughout the year to make sure that we all have a fantastic and memorable time together.

I have heard from several people who are planning to join us. As I wrote in my last column, 19 ladies from our class met at **Millie Simpson Stewart's** in August and judging from my Christmas cards from that group, many will be on campus for the weekend. **Eli** and **Ann Crichton Karter '63** hosted a cocktail party for Millie's guests that evening at their beautiful seaside home in Phippsburg. The Karters, along with next door neighbors, **Dil Paiste** and his wife, Kitty, and **Lin** and **Sue McNeary Billings**, who caught up with us at dinner later that night, all plan to be in Orono.

Other people planning to attend: **Barbara Williams Gee** wrote to tell me that she and **Ann Adjutant** will be among those in attendance. They are always up for traveling. Barb



told me that she and Ann had just gotten back from a wonderful two-week trip to Alaska. One highlight of that vacation was watching grizzly bears catch fish at Brooks Falls. As Barb said, "The commercials don't do it justice." **Sandy Fraser** sent me a note this fall to say he plans to be at the Reunion for sure. After his retirement from teaching at Acadia University in 1995, Sandy has been consulting for an employment transition counseling business and teaching graduate courses for faculty on sabbatical. As if that weren't enough, Sandy heads up the critical incident stress response team for the fire service in Nova Scotia. Through this connection he was involved in helping with the Swissair tragedy. Those of you who were at our 35th Reunion might remember Sandy wearing his dress kilt to dinner. We are hoping for a repeat!

**Mike Mandel** is keeping his calendar clear for the Reunion weekend also. He emailed me at the end of summer after having spent several days hiking the high country of Yosemite, where wife, Joanne Dillon Mandel '64, spends a month every year volunteering for the Yosemite Association. When Mike wrote, he and Joanne were packing for a relaxing few weeks in Kauai. Best of both worlds, I'd say. Mike is a lawyer in the Bay area. He has a practice with his daughter, Michelle, who joined with him five years ago.

I have also heard from some class members who will not be able to join us for Reunion, but want to send their regards to all of you.

**Charlie and Karen Schwemmer Travis** will be on a cruise with their family in June celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary. Kay and Charlie retired to Florida in 1990 and spend much of their time on the golf course or playing bridge. They are the proud grandparents of five. Kay keeps in touch with **Bev Farnham Henry** who lives in St. Augustine, Florida. Bev is very much involved with genealogy and the St. Augustine Historical Society.

Another classmate who sends his well wishes plus an autographed copy of his book, *Vietnam, Now for our class auction*, is **David Lamb**. David has commitments in Asia from mid-May through mid-June, so will not be at the 45th. Those of you who have not read his latest book will want to bid on this truly outstanding read.

While our family was vacationing in Bar Harbor last summer, I had the chance to get together with **Gale Brewer, Sally Kennett**



Enjoying a weekend together in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in May 2006 are 1963 classmates (left to right): Marilyn Russell Howerton, Carol Milliken Glenn, Sue Young Webber '72G, and Mae Smith Gee.

**Juenemann, and Ruth McAllian McKay.** Gale lives in Sausalito, California, and still works for Charles Schwab, but she manages to save the first two weeks in July every year for a trip home to Bar Harbor with her sister, Joyce. Ruth and husband, Jim, have moved back to Maine after several years in Connecticut. They are both retired, but are enjoying time with two of their grandchildren who also live in Hollis. The couple's other grandchildren live in Japan, which gives Ruth and Jim an excuse to travel to that part of the world every other year or so. As you know from my last column, I caught up with Sally again in August at Millie's. It was great to see her twice in one summer.

The reunion committee met in Bar Harbor in July. **Nancy Nichols Hogan, Gary and Sally Cran, Tom and Linda Gillies Patrick**, and I met with representatives from the alumni office to start plans for the weekend. Tom and Linda arrived in Bar Harbor in style. Our meeting coincided with a trip they were taking on the Queen Mary II with two of their grandchildren, John and Shelby. Frank and I watched the QM II pull into the harbor from the house we rent on the Shore Path for a few weeks each year. It was impressive.

To make our Reunion very special, Nancy and her husband, Dick Hogan '60, have generously volunteered their home on Lake Lucerne for the festivities on Saturday after-

## Larry Schiner '61, '62G Honored in New Jersey

Larry Schiner '61, '62G received the New Jersey Sports Writers Meritorious Service to New Jersey Collegiate Athletics Award in January.

Larry has worked at New Jersey City University for 40 years and has served as that institution's athletic director since 1977.

In those 30 years, he has presided over a period of unprecedented growth and improvement in the school's athletic program.

This is just the latest in a long series of honors that Larry has earned over the years. Among those many honors was his induction into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 1995. Both of Larry's degrees from UMaine are in education.



noon during reunion weekend. This is where the class will have lunch and our auction. It will also provide a wonderful venue for classmates to just relax, talk and enjoy the view, or go kayaking, swimming, or take a boat ride.

For those of you who have not yet made plans to join us, it is not too late. For those of you packed and ready, we are looking forward to seeing you. Remember to bring an item for our class auction. The auction is a wonderful way to raise money for the university while having a great time.

Hope to see you at our reunion in June!

## 1963

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**Mary Jo Brush Thoman** writes, "Since my husband, Terry, retired in January of 2003, we have enjoyed more travel including England, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Canadian Rockies, and Caribbean Islands. Last winter my back surgery prevented a major trip, but we are looking forward to time in Florida this winter and Alaska in August.

"Older son, Rich, has taken over the business that Terry started over 30 years ago. A subcontractor in commercial construction, our company has provided lockers and specialty products for many schools and sports facilities including Fenway & Gillette Stadium. Younger son is a teacher and a Yoga instructor.

"I plan to retire from my position in the family business in January and will continue various volunteer activities including 'Bridges' which is an intergenerational program matching seniors with fourth graders in all Sudbury schools. Through a church program, I tutor inner-city students in Boston and contribute to a women's shelter there."

**Mae Smith Gee** writes from her home in Maine of a year of family and friends, travel to their former area in Maryland, and a trip in May to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to join classmates **Marilyn Russell Howerton, Carol Milliken Glenn, and Sue Young Webber**. Mae had shoulder replacement in April, a repair in June, and another in Au-



gust. While undergoing pre-op tests for all that, she discovered she had two large masses in her abdomen. She has had three chemotherapies and three more scheduled in 2007. I include her address for those who would like to write to her—RR 1 Box 2278, Baileyville, Maine 04694-9758. Our thoughts are with you, Mae, as you go forward on this journey.

**Lee Bingham** and his wife, Glenna Renegar Bingham '65, have sold their homes in Maine and Arizona to retire in Lititz, Pennsylvania. Lee retired from SCA in July '05 and has opened his own consulting business, Can Americas, LLC and works about three weeks a month with clients in South and Central America, Mexico, and the UK. He still finds the time to go to his fishing camp in Alaska with his sons a few times a year.

**Dr. Allan Ingraham** has retired from his veterinary practice in Bangor. He and his partners were in business for 29 years.

I am presently in Florida for three months and will return to central New York in April. While here, I will visit with **Judy Shaw Furlotte** in Palm Beach Gardens and **Marcia Roak Fitzgerald** in Sarasota.

Send your news to the above address or email—I would love to hear from you!



## Honored in Augusta

On January 26, Richard Randall '65, '67G received the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Special Service Award for his outstanding efforts on behalf of the University of Maine at Augusta. A sociologist, Randall has worked as professor and administrator at UMA for 40 years. In 2005 he was asked to serve as interim president and this past July he was named as the institution's permanent president. He was instrumental in the successful effort to have the University of Maine System abandon its plan to merge UMA with the University of Southern Maine.

grads on their annual trip to Mount Desert Island.

**Maury Webb** writes that since retiring as vice president of finance for a French company, he and wife, Diana, spend part of the year on Cape Cod and part in Nokomis, Florida, trading off with two grandsons in each place and enjoying their passion for golf. This year Maury rode many miles in his two-day bicycle ride to raise money for cancer research in Boston with 4,000 other riders. They also enjoy boating, walking, gardening, and socializing.

For those of you who haven't been back to UMO, you might plan to make our 45th Reunion in 2009. One of the most exciting additions to the campus is the Buchanan Alumni House. Right on College Avenue at the entrance to campus, this building reflects the pride and achievement of UMaine's alums and state support. A mosaic of more than 20,000 tiles, by the son of an alumnus, welcomes you to the grand foyer and represents the public support. Six pillars that are two stories high reflect the first graduating class of six students. Atop the

pillars a tromp l'oeil, fiber-optic lighted sky features Ursus Major, the great bear. A lot of us lived in Chadbourne and Estabrooke Halls, which are now the admissions office and graduate/non-traditional student housing, respectively. Colvin Hall is now the new Honors College. Hitchner Hall where you took lab sciences is considerably expanded and state of the art. The Bear's Den is now a pub in the new Union Central and Maine Market Place dining facility near a modern bookstore and student organization offices. And the Maine Center for the Arts is a statewide premier center for the performing arts. Engineers must stop at the Advanced Engineering Wood Composites Center, 33,000 square-feet of state-of-the-art shop for integrated component development. Artists will savor the Lord Hall facilities with galleries and studios designed especially for them. Alford Arena is home to our (as of this writing) #3 hockey team in the U.S. collegiate world and men's and women's basketball teams. The president and CEO of the UMaine Foundation is our own classmate **Amos Orcutt**, so stop

and see him at the Buchanan House!

Back to news, **Delmont Merrill** (M.Ed.), who now serves as president of Merrill Blueberry Farms in Hancock, was one of those soldiers at the Battle of Iwo Jima recently portrayed on screen in Clint Eastwood's film *Flags of our Fathers*. The Ellsworth native coached basketball in Husson College in Bangor for years before taking over his father's blueberry business.

**Brenda Menges Johnson** is approaching her 43rd year as Mrs. John Johnson. John '65 is president of Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Talk about the alpha to omega (Maine to Florida), but they have a summer home in Kennebunk, so the withdrawal pains are not too great. Brenda retired and is a volunteer for the Broward County United Way and in her church. They recently took a trip to Italy and are planning on Ireland and Houlgate (coast of Normandy, France) this year. She says their "two children and five granddaughters are tops on our list of diversions."

I have been writing, calling, and emailing to get news, but please take the initiative and send me yours. We all love reading the stories of our classmates and our times. Happy summer!

## 1964

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Happy spring, classmates! Do you remember our very own **Clem McGillicuddy**? How could we forget those mayoral races every year. Clem moved to Manhattan after UMO, developing software for the brokerage industry. That's when it took a Manhattan to house a computer! Twenty years, several subway strikes, power outages, and one garbage strike later, they moved south, all the way to Palm Beach, where the easier life brought them Steve and Annie, now in college. They now live in Charlottesville, Virginia, renowned not only for their presence but also for the Blue Ridge Mountains and Jefferson's University of Virginia and home. He says college towns have great bread. Every year they see a few Maine

## 1965

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In October, UMaine Augusta celebrated the installation of **Richard Randall** as the school's seventh president. Richard spoke with great confidence for the university's future. He hopes to see the university he loves make the transition from a largely two-year institution to a full four-year baccalaureate university. Just attending the convocation was a personal triumph for Richard who is being treated for cancer and uses a wheelchair. Next year both he and his wife, **Mary Dudley Randall**, hope to retire permanently from the UMA campus.

A *Bangor Daily News* article last March, titled *Successful Merger*, highlighted the common ground in merging individual decorating styles



in the lovely home of **Ted and Sandra Blake Leonard** on Kenduskeag Avenue in Bangor. It was built in the late 1800s and some of the interesting features are a checkerboard stained floor in the living/dining room and a spacious library overlooking three acres of gardens. Even the kitchen is a display area for Ted and Sandra's artwork.

*Coffee News* is a fun little brown one-page publication found weekly in favorite eateries. It entertains people while they are waiting or eating in 52 countries. **Bill Buckley** of Bangor is the U.S. franchiser for *Coffee News*. The 29th annual Franchise 500 Guide by *Entrepreneur Magazine* placed *Coffee News* top in its advertising services category for the second year in a row.

Surprising news came in Roger and **Sally Day Brown's** holiday letter. They made a difficult but wise decision and moved from Inverness, Florida, where they had enjoyed three and a half years, and returned to Connecticut. Welcome back. They now live in Farmington across the road from Wood Pond and Woodbridge Lake, but their address is: 59 Wood Pond Road, West Hartford, Connecticut 06107-3532. Another move within the family was when their younger son, Jeffrey, and his wife, Amy, moved from Rhode Island to Glastonbury, Connecticut, and bought a home just 10 minutes from their other son, Jonathan, and family. Sally is looking for a part-time calling in ministry.

Bruce '66 and **Caroline Fuller Hutchinson** sent season's greetings from their future full-time retirement home on Cold Stream Pond in Enfield, Maine. Caroline's Mom is a remarkable 91 1/2 years and her jokes and sense of humor I've enjoyed for years. While in the hospital and rehab, I've received lots of special artwork and cards from Caroline's beautiful grandchildren, Maeve (4 1/2) and Jonas (2).

A Happy Holiday letter from **Parker Denaco** mentioned special times, memorable foot-loose wanderings, and his occasional need to write a few decisions (work). He and his wife, Gayle, have been to San Juan; Palm Springs, California; on an Arizona canyon train, to Budapest, and Paris again. They especially enjoyed Vienna, which was completely decked out for the 250th birthday festival of Mozart. An opportunity not to be missed, Parker was invited to SOUTHCOM for its change of command ceremony.

After the holidays, I got caught



Enjoying last March's alumni event in Tucson are Elizabeth Doughty Rolfe '65 (left) and Judith Brooks '62.

up on family news via the telephone with **Pat Hayden Herrick**. Wendy and her husband and daughters, Emma and Molly, live in Vermont. Son Brian is a physician in a family practice in San Francisco. He and his wife have a son Hayden (2). Son Scott lives in Westbrook and is an attorney in Portland in the same firm as our classmate **Horace Horton**. Pat continues to teach English as a second language in adult education two days a week at MSAD 60. She often travels to Vermont Sundays and Tuesdays to be grandma.

Remember, there is no summer issue of the alumni magazine, so you have plenty of time to contact me with news before the next deadline. Have a happy and fun summer!

## 1966

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In New England, we always know that spring is on its way because the day after Christmas, seed catalogs start showing up in the mail. A great deal has passed since our winter column, so here goes: Headline; Vermont Town Says No to Nudity Ban, "Mother Nature, not an ordinance, will draw the covers over

public nudity in Brattleboro" said Selectboard Chairman, **Steve Steidle**. "Winter is coming!" This was in response to a clothing optional movement launched by local teenagers last summer. I had a chance to connect with Steve shortly after this news story appeared nationally. He and I grew up and attended grade school in Waterville. Steve and his wife, Sharon Marks Steidle '67, are doing well and would enjoy hearing from class members.

In October, I was notified that **Doug Avery** passed away suddenly. Doug died at Bridgton Highlands Country Club at the end of a perfect day which included mowing Bridgton Academy's athletic fields, playing golf (and winning \$3) with a close friend, meeting old college friends on the course, and returning to the clubhouse to work at his desk. He retired from BA in 1999 after 30 years of teaching, coaching, and as athletic director. His Maine friends will remember Doug as a hard-nosed football player with a heart as soft as a puppy. While at UMO, he played on one of the most successful teams. In 1965, Maine won the Lambert Cup, were Yankee Conference Champions, and played in the Tangerine Bowl, our only team to play in a bowl game.

Last fall, I received notice that **Jim Ballinger** stepped down after 38 years of teaching and coaching at the University of Maine. He plans to stay on part-time for two more years. His tenure is referred to as "The modern era of Maine Track/Field and Cross Country." The November issue of the newsletter lists all of his accomplishments and outstanding performances of his athletes over nearly 40 years of outstanding leadership. Congratulations, Jim, on a job well done!

**Rebecca Cummings** was honored for 35 years of service as a teacher, principal, and mentor in the Oxford Hills School District. She's now in charge of the school's Title 1 program. She has taught in Brazil and has generated \$2 million as a grant writer for the school district. She's a published author, served in the Peace Corps, and has been an adjunct faculty member of UMaine.

**Ann Bragdon Bridge** was named interim superintendent of schools in the Ashland School Administrative District. **Darryl Brown** of Livermore Falls has been elected vice chairman of the University of Maine Foundation board. The Foundation was started in 1934 with \$1,000 from the Class of 1909. It now has assets of nearly \$148



Singing the "Stein Song" at the Delray Beach alumni event in March are (left to right): Dan Willett '69, '70G of the UMaine Foundation, Donna Wadleigh, and Priscilla Easter Missita '65.



million. This year, \$5.5 million was distributed in support of the University of Maine.

**Charles "Charlie" Newell** retired after teaching and coaching at Gould Academy, but still had the calling. He's over at Telstar High School in special education. He shares memories of playing for Jack Butterfield in the '64 College World Series, and playing in the Tangerine Bowl. Like all of us, JFK's visit in November '63 still stands out.

**Nancy Hiestor Jordan** writes that she has a busy life as treasurer of Long Island (Maine), chair of the board of the community library, volunteer librarian, and is working to separate Long Island from the city of Portland. Word has it that she chaired the building committee for their beautiful new library. She has a very rich, fulfilled life.

**Enoch Bell** lives in California and retired in 2003 from USDA, Forestry Service. In his free time, he is a genealogy consultant at the family history center, does car restoration, gardens, and devotes time to his church.

**Dick Kelliher** returned to his hometown, Melrose, Massachusetts, and has spent most of his life teaching and coaching. His two children are Maine alums; Paul '97 is a teacher-coach, following in his dad's footsteps, and was an All New England Baseball player while at UMaine. Daughter Janet Kelliher Elwell '87 is an attorney in Boston. Dick was also a member of Jack Butterfield's team that went to the College World Series in 1964.

**Paul Sullivan** lives in Dallas and is vice president and general tax counsel for Exxon-Mobil Corporation. His son, Michael '92, is a UMaine alum. Paul has two children and six grandkids. His life is busy, as he serves on many industry and professional boards and committees.

**Peter Christensen** lives in Steep Falls and has taught high school math and science for over 30 years. He is politically active and involved in his church. For hobbies, he enjoys organic gardening, camping, and cutting/splitting firewood.

**Ed Tansey** splits his time between Winslow and Florida. He retired after teaching for 31 years in Lawrence Jr. High School in Fairfield. Ed also served 31 years in the Army Reserve and attained the rank of LTC. While in Maine, he volunteers at the Muskie Senior Center in Waterville (old South Grammar School). In Florida, he serves on the board of his retire-



## Teaching Sailors History on the Kitty Hawk

When John Chapin '68, '70G retired in August 2006, after 38 years of teaching (36 at South Portland High School), he had never even seen the Pacific Ocean. Just a few months later, he was heading for Japan aboard the USS *Kitty Hawk*, teaching sailors United States history. John also got to visit Hong Kong.

"The thrill of sailing into Hong Kong on the bow of the *Kitty Hawk* was unforgettable," he says (above photograph). All in all he says it was the "trip of a lifetime."

John notes, however, that teaching college courses at sea can be a big challenge. Still, he is considering doing it again soon.

ment park. Always active, he continues to play softball (two leagues), golfs, and bowls.

**Bonnie Foster McInerney** retired in June '05 from teaching Latin at Albany (New York) High School. She lives in Delmar, and is married with four children. She's enjoying life and traveling.

**Warren Orcutt** lives in Cherryfield and retired after 29 years with the Farmer's Home Administration, USDA. He is now a self-employed farmer raising wild blueberries. You just can't get a better pie...BUT it's gotta be from Down East.

**Karen Adkins Wakefield**, married to **James Wakefield** '66, lives in Newbury, Massachusetts, and has her own landscape design business. Jim works in sales for Oppenheimer. Karen has a full life—sings with the Newburyport Choral Society and church choir, volunteers with the local garden committee, river cleanup association, golfs, skis, and has her own gardens to attend to. She considers her graduate work in design at Radcliffe a major change in her life as she views the environment.

**Richard "Fuzzy" Farnsworth** retired in June '06 as guidance counselor at Kennebunk High

School. You might recall he was the drummer for the "Cumberlands" that played many functions during our time at Maine. Music is still in his life. He's the music director and plays in "Straight Lace," a function band, at parties and lounges. His wife is also a band member. Fuzzy is active in his community as a member of the Kennebunk Rotary Club and served on the York County Federal Credit Union board of directors for 28 years. In what free time he has, you'll find him at the gym, on the golf course, boating, and camping up at Brandy Pond Park in Naples.

**Linda Cate Whitehouse** is retired, married with three children and two grandchildren. She splits her time between Santa Cruz, California; and Meredith, New Hampshire.

**Joline Ridlon Ezzell** lives in Durham, North Carolina, and is the librarian at Duke University. She earned two advanced degrees at the University of North Carolina. A very involved lady, she is her church treasurer, volunteers at a local animal shelter, and is a leader of an Adopt-A-Highway group. For leisure, she jogs, hikes, kayaks, and loves camping and knitting. Memories: building an ice sculpture outside

Stoddard Hall in the semi-darkness her freshman year.

Rev. Dr. **Richard "Dick" Small** was hired as executive director of The Good Shepherd Food Bank. Feeding the hungry has always been a cause very close to his heart. For the past four years, he has promoted community awareness and participation by helping to raise critically needed food and funds for local pantries by spending 24 hours atop the steeples of the Gorham and Cumberland Congregational churches. In February '06, he helped to raise more than 11 tons of food and \$15,000 for fuel assistance, tsunami, and Katrina relief. Pastor Small, you are truly doing the Lord's work!

Last year, **Everett Worcester** ('66G) escaped a plane crash with bruises and cuts to his face and burns on a leg after his open cockpit airplane's engine failed before he could land on his private landing strip in Orville, Maine. He runs a real estate agency and is a blueberry farmer. He purchased and built the airplane from a kit 14 years ago and had flown it extensively over time without any problems. "It's just one of those things," he said.

**Lionel "Bud" Merrill** retired last year after 29 years at Bucksport High School and over 40 years of teaching altogether. The longtime biology teacher was saddled with class sizes of over 30 students when he arrived in Bucksport. "It was like taking rats and crowding them all together in a little cage," he said. Many things have improved since he began teaching in Lewiston more than 40 years ago. He remembers the Vietnam era when many of his students faced the draft. "I think the sentiment back then was not as it is today, when you try to keep the students in school. Back then, it was, 'If you can't make it in high school, get out! We don't want you.'" It seems his style and ability to communicate with young people were a winning formula.

Just got a note from **Gary Vincent** who enjoyed a personal tour of Pearl Harbor with **Joe Murray**. Said it was great and they had a very informative time. "I'd recommend it to anyone who visits Hawaii."

We received a nice thank-you letter from Shawn McPhee, the recent recipient of our class scholarship. **Emil Swift** (class president) and **Barb Bristol Paiton** (treasurer) authorized a transfer of \$15,000 to the Alumni House for the down payment on our \$25,000 class gift



(naming the courtyard garden). Let's continue to earmark our donations to our class fund so we can complete our commitment.

Since the alumni magazine will now be published only three times annually, much of what I receive and pass on to you is very dated by the time it's printed. I am building a Class of '66 email address book to primarily provide news and updates in a timely fashion. Currently, approximately 40 of you receive regular blasts from me. If you wish to be added to the list, you'll find my contact information at the top of the notes. By the time you receive this one, we'll be planning our 45th in only four more years!

## 1967

40th Reunion  
June 1-3, 2007

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Hello fellow classmates,  
I hope you all have put the dates of our 40th Reunion, June 1-3, on your calendars!

Your reunion committee, **Sue Chadbourne, Dave Ames, Brenda Erickson, Edie McVay King**, and I have been working hard to plan a successful weekend. There will be a class dinner on Friday night and a lobster bake at Dave Ames's new coastal home on Sunday afternoon as well as a variety of options on Saturday. We want a large crowd so hope you will attend! You should have received the Reunion brochure in mid-April.

**Gene Doris Humphrey** let us know via her reunion information form that she and several close classmates plan to attend! Gene was a math educator for 39 years in the South Portland school system, an adjunct math instructor for 20 years at the University of Maine, and also taught at Bowdoin College training teachers. In 1999 she received the Distinguished Teacher Award from Bowdoin. She still teaches math at USM. Gene has established a 4-H scholarship fund through the Extension Service at the University of Maine and set up a memorial fund for the benefit of children and young adults at the Gray Public Library. This is wonder-

*Michele Montas '68*

## Voice of the UN Secretary-General

As a courageous broadcast journalist in her native Haiti, Michele Montas '68 was a voice for that country's poor and oppressed. Now, as the new spokesperson for United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, her voice will take on a diplomatic tone.

Michele had been serving as director of the French language service of UN Radio before taking on her new role. She fled Haiti for the United States in 2003, following the assassination of her bodyguard and continued threats on her and her Radio Haiti colleagues. She joined Radio Haiti after meeting the much-revered broadcaster Jean Dominique in 1972. Dominique, whom she later married, was an outspoken critic of the Haitian government. He was murdered in 2000, at which point Michele took over the reigns at the radio station.

In 2004 Michele returned to UMaine as the keynote commencement speaker as well as to receive an honorary doctorate degree. Her undergraduate degree from UMaine is in journalism.



ful, Gene! Looking forward to seeing you at our Reunion in June!

*The Kennebec Journal* had a wonderful story about Dr. **John Gross**, recently retired from the Winthrop Veterinary Hospital which he started in 1978. At first John specialized in treating dairy cows, but after 10 years, turned to the care of cats and dogs. For 28 years this "town vet" has been an integral part of the community and many pet owners are missing him very much. John, happy retirement and hope to see you and your wife, **Susan Tibbetts Gross**, at Reunion! Don't forget to send in your Reunion information form!

## 1968

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**Bob Lackey** works at the Environmental Research Laboratory in Corvallis, Oregon, as senior fisher-

ies biologist and teaches the ecological policy class at Oregon State University, across the street from the laboratory. His wife, Lana Apparius Lackey '70, attended the University of Maine in 1967-68 for her junior year and later graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in hearing and speech therapy. They have resided in Corvallis for the past 25 years. **Richard Barstow** (G), high school coach of Katahdin of Stacyville, was selected as the fourth class of inductees to the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. Richard has coached girls' basketball at Central Aroostook of Mars Hill, Presque Isle, and Waterville as well as Sherman, which eventually became Katahdin of Stacyville. **John Rohman** and his wife, Lyndy Martin Rohman '81, were featured in the *Bangor Daily News*. Their home and restoration, a Queen Anne beauty, was the subject of the article. John is a partner and CEO at WBRC Architects/Engineers. **Eddie Finch** (G) is a retired social studies and history teacher at Gardiner Area High School. He is now serving as a state of Maine legislator. He is on the educational and cultural affairs committee. Eddie is married to

Barbara Lane Bailey-Finch and they have three children and one grandchild. His other interests include camping in his pop-up camper and cheering the New York Yankees.

**Greg Johnson**, retired Commander of Allied Forces in Europe, spoke at the University of Maine in November 2006. His appearance was sponsored by the William S. Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce. Shore duties included serving with the Joint Chiefs of Staff as head of the European Command and Central Command Branch of the Joint Operations Division. In 1999, he became the senior military assistant to the then Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen. Previous assignments included commanding the U.S. Sixth Fleet and Naval Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe. Greg assumed duties as Commander of U.S. Naval Forces, Europe; and Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe in 2001. Greg and I and many others sat in professor Eugene Mawhinny's constitutional law class and ended up being political science majors. I still have the big red textbook filled with underlines and wrinkled pages. It was so sad to hear of Dr. Mawhinny's passing. He was such an inspiration and influenced me personally by encouraging me to seek a career and conquer the world. Not many women in those days got that kind of advice and he made me think hard about what I wanted to do with my life professionally. I was able to tell him how much he made a difference in my life at our last reunion and he humbly smiled. I know there must be thousands that he touched the same way.

I have an update on the scholarship fund for our late classmate **Carli Burke**. Carli's husband, Peter Perius, has set up a Carli Burke Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who achieves a 3.0 or better, and is in financial need. Contributions can be made to: The University of Maine Foundation, 2 Alumni Place, Orono, Maine 04469. My husband and I had the honor of attending a memorial service for Carli at her brother Jim's home in Cumberland Foreside. It was a beautiful day with wonderful remembrance, many tears but also much joy for the celebration of her life. A day does not go by that I do not think of her.

My old roommate **Jackie Platt** and I had a chance to chat recently. We commiserated about turning 60



but also had lots of laughs. She retired as an elementary school teacher in June but still works part-time tutoring. She is very busy and enjoys spending time up in Hampton, New Hampshire, which is where she plans to settle down. Jackie and I can not talk for months, sometimes years, yet we pick up where we left off and it seems like yesterday that we were roommates in Hancock Hall.

One final note—my husband and I did have a chance to rendezvous with Greg Johnson and sorority sister of mine **Joy Jewett Johnson**. They live in Cundy's Harbor and we were sailing up the New Meadows River and staying overnight in "the basin," across the river from them. They motored over on their power boat and joined us on our boat, *Pemaquid*, for a brief visit. We have enjoyed sailing in Maine for years and have now joined up with the Down East Yacht Club, a boating club which hails out of Boothbay.

**James R. Roy** writes that he works as an attorney for the chief counsel of the National Office of the IRS in Washington, D.C. In May he went to China to document the last steam trains in regular service in the world. He has developed a 3-D show and the digital version was first shown at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Photographic Society of America in the fall of 2006.

Here is advanced notice—Reunion time 2008 is not far away. Any preference—spring or fall of 2008? Do you want to help with the planning? Remember—this is the 40th. It is something not to be missed. We will have more details in the next column/issue but don't wait until then to get involved—drop me an email or call me.

## 1969

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Those of you who haven't been in Maine for years would have been surprised that winter weather really didn't arrive until mid-January. Remember the "old days" when final exams were given in mid-January? Don't forget that we will be having a Reunion in 2009!

U.S. Senator **Olympia Snowe** is serving a third term in the U.S. Senate. She has earned many

## Dick Davies '69: Maine's Public Advocate

In January, Dick Davies '69, '72G (history) was chosen by governor John Baldacci '86 to become the public advocate for Maine. He replaces Stephen Ward who served in the post for 20 years.

Most recently, Dick has served as a senior policy advisor to Governor Baldacci. Prior to that he worked as an official at the Maine State Housing Authority and as a consultant. He also served in the Maine House of Representatives from 1974 to 1982.

"Dick Davies has served Maine for more than 30 years with great distinction," Baldacci said. "He's provided an outstanding level of service and dedication to the state in the past four years as a top-level staffer in my office."



honors from numerous organizations, but last fall a new residence at Opportunity Farm for Girls and Boys in New Gloucester was named for Senator Snowe. At the dedication of the residence, the executive director of Opportunity Farm praised the senator by saying, "Senator Snowe is a role model to inspire these young kids who come from a struggling background."

**Frank Keenan** was inducted into the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honors in October. This honor is given to people who have made outstanding contributions to athletics and the youth of Maine. Frank was an active basketball official from 1976 to 1986, a softball official from 1976 into the 1990s, and a board member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials from 1969-1990. He had been Presque Isle High School's athletic director from 1983 to 1989, was an assistant principal for six years, and a principal for five. He is now Easton superintendent of schools and elementary school principal.

**Brent Slater** of Bangor is the clerk of the University of Maine Foundation board of directors. **Charlie Campo** of the *Bangor Daily News* is part of the team which won top honors from the Society of Environmental Journalists for a project that examined the science behind global warming. Mayor **Brian Harden** has won his third term on the Rockland city council. Belfast

city manager **Terry St. Peter**, who was hired in 1998, announced he will retire in June. Dr. **Philip A. Watkins**, University of Maine at Augusta counselor and professor of social and behavioral sciences, received his doctoral degree in 2002 from Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia. **Dean Zaharis** is a technology integration teacher at South Portland High School.

Notice our new email address and send your news.

## 1970

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Winter is finally over and it is starting to look and feel like spring! My news is once again sparse. **Steven Juskewitch** was unsuccessful in his campaign for the Hancock (Maine) County District Attorney. **John Wolfram** has returned to the ranks of high school football coaches. John was the South Portland (Maine) coach for 15 years and stepped down in 2000. He then was an assistant coach at Bowdoin College. Now he has left Bowdoin and has started coaching at Cheverus High School in Portland. **Stephen King** has dedicated his

latest book, *Lisey's Story*, to his wife of 35 years, Tabitha Spruce King '71. **Paul Bird** has been named the town manager of Monmouth, Maine, after serving for a year as interim manager. **D. Bruce MacGregor**, (G), a longtime Husson College basketball as well as golf coach, was one of two college coaches inducted last October into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. **Michael Friedman**, a managing partner of Rudman and Winchell, became an independent member of the State (of Maine) Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. Mike was nominated by governor John Baldacci '86 and received a unanimous endorsement of a legislative committee.

## 1971

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It's spring, and hopefully you will take the time to pause and remember what a beautiful sight it was to see our campus lush with greenery, flowers, and those huge trees in full bloom. There is something wrong, though, and I wondered if you would personally make it a mission to help me figure out where we have gone wrong. We're broken, and by that I mean that we seem to have fallen completely apart and gone our own ways. Is anyone out there still part of a relationship or friendship with someone else from the Class of 1971? I read about some of these other classes and I wonder, "What happened to us?" I'd really appreciate it if you would drop me a line and let me know if you still hear from your friends at Maine and what you do to stay in touch.

As you may suspect, our Reunion of the past year, our 35th, was poorly attended, and I'd love to do something about it, no matter what it takes. We're all very busy, but if you can even think of a particular time or year that might be easier to hold a get-together, then that would be great. Please get in touch. You have your email open all the time anyway.

The news that I have is interesting. **John Simpson** of Bangor was recently elected chairman of the University of Maine Foundation board of directors at the foundation's October annual meeting. John



graduated with us in the spring of '71, and then went on to get his master's degree in 1983. He is president and owner of Innovative Solutions, management consultants; and former president and CEO of H. E. Sargent.

In the election of November 9, 2006, **Dennis Damon** of Trenton outpaced Republican challenger Kenneth Fredette to win a third term in District 28. In District 41, which includes towns in Hancock and Waldo counties, voters favored our Democratic challenger and classmate **Lance Weddell** of Frankfort. This is the area around Ellsworth, in case you didn't remember.

Dr. **Clifford Rosen** is back in the news, with his busy schedule of appointments with patients in Bangor while tending to all of his research projects around the globe, and his studies from Bar Harbor and South Portland to Anhui province in China. He is attempting to raise public awareness of bone and joint disorders, and while our federal government has declared the years from 2000 to 2010 as the Bone and Joint Decade, only Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, and Michigan have issued proclamations to that effect. If you are interested in more information on bone health, bone disease, research, and related activities, it is available online at: [www.boneandjointdecade.org](http://www.boneandjointdecade.org). Personally, I think an appointment with Dr. Rosen would be quite enlightening if you are concerned or have been told that you should be concerned about your bones and joints. I hope he won't be too alarmed to find me in his office this summer.

Let me know what you find interesting and why. More than likely I'm not the only one who has reason to be interested in these studies.

Our own **Bruce Bailey** (M.Ed.) is the new principal at Orono High School. Now isn't that quite a coup, to come back to your own college town and be in charge of the high school? He was principal at Dexter High School for seven years, and his new superintendent feels fortunate to have him back in Orono. Best wishes, Bruce. What fun to be back in Orono.

**Marilyn Zoidis** has left her job at the National Museum of American History right here in Washington, D.C., and has moved to Lexington, Kentucky, to work for the Kentucky Historical Society. Her contact: [Marilyn.Zoidis@ky.gov](mailto:Marilyn.Zoidis@ky.gov). Please let us know how you like it, Marilyn. I do know that the Museum of American

History is closed for several years for renovations and updates. There are lots of other things going on here, though, so don't let that stop you from visiting. We are always discovering new things to do around here. There is never a dull moment if you can possibly keep up with all of it. Even small things, like seeing the new Superman movie at the Air and Space Museum at the Imax theatre; seeing any of the museums, new or old; theatre that you never thought you would see, and actors and actresses you never thought you would see. The real Ford's Theatre has entertainment all the time, there is so much to do and see, and I often think that we have seen very little in the 13 years we have been here.

I got a lovely picture of **Mark** and **May Crasnick** of Portland, recently celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary with their family at their cottage on Peaks Island. Mark was our classmate. I'm certain that they want me to visit Peaks when I move to Maine. I haven't been on the ferries for years. My roommate, Patty, had a summer home on Long Island, and many good times were had by all in that house. I've lost track of Patty, but I'd be happy to join you for your 40th, or any one in between, and we can all have our pictures in the *Portland Press Herald*! **Stan Bartash** of Rangeley was inducted into the Loggers' Hall of Fame recently during festivities associated with the annual Rangeley Logging Museum's Festival. I think that's a long drive, but once I'm retired, I'd love to visit the Loggers' Hall of Fame, too. I won't go unless you invite me, Stan, so get in touch. I'm not in any Hall of Fame that I know of or would admit to, but you are welcome here anytime.

Sadly in November, classmate **Mike Landry**, suffering from melanoma, met with approximately 500 people, including his family and his football players whom he had coached for years. He was just "practicing what I preached to my (players) and I'm not giving up to the end," he said, to a standing ovation. Mike grew up in Biddeford and coached there for 17 years, winning six state championships and compiling a record of 135-38. With whatever time he had left, he gave it back to the community in which he grew up. As one of his players said, "He's teaching everyone another part of life." Sadly, Mike passed away on December 13, 2006. He was 58 years old.

My friend **Charles Stanhope**,



*Not Your Average Bear*, a collection of six "modern Maine fairy tales" by Jerry Stelmok '70, was published by Tilbury House Publishers in Gardiner (800-582-1899). When he's not writing stories, Jerry is a master builder of wood and canvas canoes in Atkinson, Maine, where he lives with his wife, Deborah Williams Stelmok '70.

still enjoying his job at the Library of Congress, assumed a new position at the beginning of 2007. I usually get it wrong, sometimes on purpose and sometimes because he always has such a long title, but here goes—he is now one of two assistants to the chief operating officer of the library. He is working closely with the chief operating officer and the new librarian (the "old" one retired and has yet to be replaced. Perhaps they don't know I'm available) and he claims to have quite the impressive office now. We're invited to see, but personally, I think he needs a surprise, so let me know if you'd like to accompany me on a whirlwind tour of "Where's Stanhope?" in the summer. If you could only see some of these offices, the furniture, the décor, I promise you'd be impressed. As a matter of fact, bring sleeping bags. I'm sure it's THAT big! Also, Charles is now the first vice president of the Maine State Society.

You see, none of us is really from around here, so we all have State Societies so we can get together with people from our home state. I've been a member of the Maine State Society so I could eat lobster with Senator Muskie at the National Press Club, but somebody put garlic

in the lobster butter and at the Baked Bean Suppah, somebody had put uncooked bacon in their "Boston Baked Beans." I was beginning to wonder if any of them really came from Maine, so I joined the Massachusetts State Society, as I am really from Massachusetts, which I try very hard to forget, but they drank too much for me, and I suppose I really ought to give them another try—but back to Charles—Old Charles got to escort the lovely Maine Cherry Blossom Festival Princess at the congressional reception last May. He's in great demand, as you can tell, but I can get hold of him if you need him for any event, large or small. What a man—you'd all be so proud!

Cherry blossom time here is full of fun, frolic, and parties. We got a call one year that the Georgia Peach Blossom Princess needed a tall young man who knew how to dance, and our son escorted her to the festival, which was very (far too) formal and stuffy, but it was a hoot. Oh Southerners, one never knows what they'll want next! You never know what will happen that week. You have to have your black dress available and you have to expect the unexpected!

Oh, and in closing, with no help from any of you, we have purchased a home in the Portland area. We cannot use it, as we still live here, so it will be gently rented until we retire. Visiting friends who retired early and are now transplanted ever-so-happily from New York City to Portland, where they have 23 wild turkeys cruising around the yard intimidating coyotes, convinced me that I needed a nap in Maine every day when I got a couple of years older. Neither of us can wait. Our sons will be settled in Northern Virginia, where the jobs are, but we will be the vacation capital du jour, I'm sure. With a mother like me, who could resist, and we're surrounded by the most beautiful state parks and beaches and places to hike and play. It's wonderful. I awaken each morning with another room decorated in my head. I love it.

Your news? Come on now, a little email. You know we'd all love to hear what you're doing and whether you'll be retiring to greater Portland or if you found a place greater than that. I wouldn't believe it anyway. We could have our own State Society, parade, reception. I'm available to plan our event! All the best to you and your families! Let's get our class back on track! We're not really broken, we're just a little cracked.



## 1972

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Looking for some new reading material? Last year, **Baron Wormser**, former Maine Poet Laureate, published a book entitled *The Road Washes Out in Spring: A Poet's Memoir of Living off the Grid*. The book of untitled essays was favorably reviewed by the *Bangor Daily News*: "Many Mainers, both native and transplanted, will see themselves or their fantasies reflected here, often pleasurably and sometimes uncomfortably. The polarity is a hallmark of Wormser's accomplished writing."

After 25 years as a teacher at Surry Elementary School, **Elizabeth Ray Ehrlenbach** was hired for the principal's position. She has kept her hand in teaching, spending four-fifths of her time as principal and one-fifth giving additional academic attention to individuals and small groups.

**Anne Pooler** (G) was elected secretary of the University of Maine Foundation board of directors last October. Started in 1934 with \$1,000 from the Class of 1909, the Foundation now has total assets of nearly \$148 million, which it distributes in support of the University of Maine.

After 21 months in Newport, Vermont, as vice president of human resources for North Country Health System, **Thomas R. Girard** is back in Rockport, Maine. He has returned to Pen Bay Healthcare as vice president of human resources. He began his career with Pen Bay Healthcare in 1994 and worked there until 2004.

Parting thought: I don't know about you, but I don't feel old enough to have graduated 35 years ago!

## 1973

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Although the calendar says that we threw our caps in the air 34 years ago, I feel certain that some mistake



### Arlington Wreath Project Honors American Heroes

For 15 consecutive years Morrill Worcester '73, as the owner of Worcester Wreath Company, has donated approximately 5,000 holiday wreaths to honor the American military men and women buried at Arlington National Cemetery. At this past December's event, five University of Maine alumni were in attendance. Shown here

with the memorial wreath placed at the USS *Maine* monument in Arlington are (left to right): Charles Stanhope '71; Maine State Society president, Carl Bouchard '62; the society's Arlington Wreath Project coordinator, Wayne Hanson '67; Morrill, and Lew Pearson '63, '65G.

has been made. As I read the news that you send me, I know that we have made and continue to make important contributions to our communities and I am proud to be able to report to you. If you have not let us know what you are up to

lately, drop me or the university a line.

**Marshalyn Wing Baker** did just that. She has recently been elected to a three-year term on the board of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, an organization

serving over 100,000 math educators. Marshalyn continues to teach math at Messalonskee Middle School in Oakland. **Marion Floyd Gray** now teaches grade six at Leonard Middle School in Old Town.

Our athletes have been honored this past year. **Dennis Libbey** was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. **Ron Brown** joined the ranks of Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honors. **Paul Bessey** became part of the fourth class of inductees to the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. (I certainly remember those beautiful shots in the Pit.)

**Roger Pomerleau** won Le Club Calumet's Medaille d'Honneur, the club's highest honor.



Four UMaine engineers were inducted into the Francis Crowe Society during the annual Rochester, New York, alumni event in September. Left to right are: Gerry Murphy '84, Erin McCormick '05G, Diane Porter Libby '76, and Roger Libby '76.

## 1974

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There's not a lot of news to report in this issue of the *MAINE Alumni*



*Magazine*. I guess everyone was hibernating after the mild early winter and then the January intrusion of horrible weather. Remember, we love to hear from our classmates, so please send your news—email is preferred!

**John Fitzgerald** is a new special education resource teacher at Westbrook High School. He worked previously in the Westbrook area for 18 years and also in Scarborough.

It seems that **Sumner Hayward** (G) is officially retired after teaching English in Skowhegan and Winslow. However, he's working part-time as a clerk at Hilltop Antiques in Skowhegan and loves to read. The *Kennebec Journal* featured his reading interests in a column last summer. Sumner and his wife, Bonnie, live in Winslow.

Richmond town manager, **David Peppard** resigned his position to move back to the Eddington area. David was a former state fish and game warden and outdoor guide. He managed Richmond for three years and was a selectman for many years. Best wishes on your new adventure.

Divine congratulations to **Sharon Welch Jones** who received her Doctor of Ministry from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. She has served in churches in Saco and Buxton, Maine; East Greenwich, Rhode Island; and is at the United Methodist Church in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

And finally, congratulations to my good friend **Bonnie Wetherbee Byram** of Gaylord, Michigan, on becoming a grandmother. Bonnie was in the nursing program at Orono.

I thoroughly enjoyed the winter hockey tournament in Estero, Florida, in December. Maine made an incredible showing—so proud! Have a great spring! My husband, Don, and I are looking forward to being in Maine some time in May to enjoy the hard-shelled lobster, but not the black flies!

## 1975

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We'd love to have a robust column full of interesting news for you, but alas, no one has written. It's time to come out of hibernation and get in



## Supreme Justice

Andrew Mead '73 (psychology) is the newest member of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Nominated by Governor John Baldacci '86 in February, he took his place on the state's highest court in late March.

Justice Mead was appointed to the Maine District Court in 1990. Two years later, he was appointed to the Maine Superior Court. Prior to his service as a judge he was a partner at Mitchell and Stearns in Bangor. He received his law degree from New York Law School.

This past semester, Mead taught a mass media law and regulation course at UMaine. In his "spare time" he also plays in a rock band and in a local senior ice hockey league. (Photo courtesy of the *Bangor Daily News*.)

touch. I hope everyone has a great spring and summer! Send me a postcard from any vacation spots, whether they be exotic and distant or from your home address.

## 1976

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Hello, classmates. I hope you survived the winter and are ready to enjoy spring. You all have been very quiet with updates about what you've been up to. Anyone getting ready to retire? Any new promotions or changes in jobs? Any grandparents out there? Anyone have kids or grandkids attending UMaine? Please send me an email (or even a snail-mail) to update your classmates. It's always great to hear from you.

Classmates in the news include **David Bridges** who is the subject of a book titled *Eagle Blue* by Michael D'Orso. The book is about "a team, a tribe, and a high school basketball season." Dave is the coach of that team in rural Alaska.

Steuben artist, **Robert Bryson** had an exhibition of his paintings and drawings at the Calais Free Library this past October. Bob has had illustrations published in a number of magazines. **Rod Millett** has been named the new head softball coach at the Central Maine Athletic Department in South Paris. **Janis Matthews Hamlin** of Hampden has been named executive director of Harbor Hill Assisted Living and Healthcare Center in Belfast. **Jane Lincoln** of Farmingdale was honored for her 29 years of service to state government. She is presently governor John Baldacci's '86 chief of staff.

Please take a moment (right now) and drop me a note to share in our next column. Happy spring!

## 1977

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Hi again, everyone! Hopefully by the time you receive this issue, spring will have sprung, but as I write this column it's a cold, blustery, snowy winter night in upstate New York. Wish I had more news to report but since there are only a couple of items to pass along. I'll keep it short and sweet and then make a beeline for the woodstove to get warmed up.

**Alice Forer Wilkinson** is a teacher at Calais High School. She lives in Red Beach with her husband and two daughters. State senator **Richard Rosen** retained his District 31 seat in the November election. He also serves the community as owner and manager of Rosen's clothing store, a family-run business on Main Street in Bucksport that has been operated by Rosens for the last 96 years.

That's it for now, fellow classmates. Time to go put another log on the fire. Drop me a line or a quick email when you get a minute or two. Happy springtime!

## 1978

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Happy spring, everyone. Remember spring on campus? Frisbees flying, radios playing, and people getting outside to soak up the sun. Okay, that may have been years ago, but you don't feel that much older, right? Please send in some news so we can have a column. We'd really like to hear from you.

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# 1979

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Winter must be over. My husband is talking about opening camp for the summer! Hope you all had wonderful holidays, and are off and running in 2001!

A few items to report. **Dan Warren** writes that **Steve Bishop** celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> with a "big bash" at his summer home on Little Diamond Island off Portland. Attendees included: **Craig Lapierre**, **Ken Twaddel**, and Peter Madigan '81.

Many of our classmates are in education. **Cathleen Meserve McGaffin** teaches second grade at the Skillin Elementary School in South Portland. **Frances Carolan Marino** received a Year 2006 Teacher Recognition Award from the Bennington-Rutland (Vermont) Supervisory Union. Fran is in her sixth year as the vocal/general music teacher at Manchester Elementary School, and was part of the team recognized by the Vermont Alliance for the Arts for bringing a "renaissance" to school music programs. Prior to teaching in Vermont, Fran taught for more than eight years in New Jersey.

**Judith Smith Lucarelli** (G) is the superintendent of schools in Bucksport. She has held administrative posts in Topsham; Deer Isle; Stonington; and Frankfort, Kentucky; and also served as Maine's deputy education commissioner. **Susan Heilig Blethen** (G) is a speech therapist at the Yarmouth Elementary School. **Bill Hughes** is the athletic director at Camden Hills High School. He was previously at Thomaston Grammar School as dean of students and phys ed director. **Prudence Taylor Wicks** is a dentist in Bangor.

# 1980

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It is a such a beautiful spring day today! As I write this, I fondly re-

## Betsy Warner Arntzen '78 and Colleagues Featured in *Teaching Canada*

Betsy Arntzen '78 (anthropology), along with her colleagues at the UMaine Canadian-American Center, was recently featured as the cover story for the publication, *Teaching Canada*. Betsy, who serves as the center's director of Canadian Studies Outreach, is a resource to the nation's K-12 teachers for Canadian studies content, teaching methods, and resources. As part of her job, she directs the Atlantic Canada Teachers Institute, which targets teachers of social studies, world history, and geography. The center also provides workshops and teaching kits and strategies designed for specific regions.



member early spring days at UMO. . . students sunning on dormitory roofs . . . music blaring . . . frisbees flying . . . Time has so quickly passed.

Thank you to those who have written, emailed, and made newspaper headlines! We are so very proud of our classmates who are making

such a difference in their professions. **Cathy Bradeen Knox** has recently moved to Milo, where she will serve as the new principal at Milo Elementary School. She will also be supervising principal for Brownville and Lagrange's elementary schools. Cathy has served as principal at Orono High School for

## Jyuji Hewitt '78 is Top Civilian at Joint Munitions Command

Jyuji Hewitt '78 (chemistry) is the new executive director of ammunition for the Joint Munitions Command (JMC) on Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois. In that position he serves as deputy to the commander and as the senior civilian at JMC.

Before taking his new position, Hewitt was JMC chief of staff as an active Army colonel.

In addition to his degree from UMaine, Hewitt earned a master's in nuclear physics from the University of New Hampshire, a master's in systems management from Florida Institute of Technology, and a master's in strategic studies from the Army War College.

JMC manages 19 ammunition plants and storage facilities and has an annual budget of \$7.6 billion.



the last eight years. Dr. **Kim Strom-Gottfried**, professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work, has been appointed the first Smith P.Theimann, Jr. Distinguished Professor for Ethics and Professional Practice. She is the author of more than 30 articles and monographs on ethics, co-authored a curriculum resource book on ethics, and has two more texts forthcoming on ethical practice. Congratulations!

**Denis Howard** (G) is serving as interim superintendent of School Union 93, which includes schools in Blue Hill, Brooksville, Castine, and Penobscot. Prior to this, Dennis served as interim superintendent in Rockland, principal of the Belfast Area High School, and principal of Bucksport High School.

**Pam Burch** and her husband, David Ives '79, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the White Barn Inn in Kennebunk Beach, Maine. **Carolyn Burt** and Steve Murphy '81 joined them for dinner, along with Kate Thurston Tardif '79. Pam recently returned to work and is a librarian at Marian Court College in Swampscott, Massachusetts.

Pam wrote that during this past cold winter when it was 10 degrees in Massachusetts, she would think of the walks she had as a UMaine student during the winter months. One memorable walk was from her dormitory, Somerset Hall, to Lengyel Hall for an 8 a.m. class. Pam notes, "Sometimes we had to stop at the Student Union, just to warm up en route!"

Spring is finally here! As the days get warmer, please take advantage of these longer days, and send me an email. Tell me what you're up to, and share some wonderful UMO memories with us. Keep in touch!

# 1981

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As much as we all love email these days, it can be a nasty task when you move and try to get your service to move with you! Such was the case back in November, when Bill and I moved just "down the street" to our new house. My apologies to those of you who got lost in the shuffle, as my DSL line took about



six weeks to find the new house! Unfortunately, this happened just a couple of weeks after our 25th Reunion and I was still receiving lots of thank-you notes from those who attended and a few regrets from those who couldn't make it. **Betsy Harling** and **Annette McCauley Griffin** were great about sending pictures of the festivities—thanks! And sincere appreciation to **Brad Peters** and **Jim Colter** for their donations to help off-set the Ray Boston expenses. I'm hoping that in the last few months, a few more of those Reunion fund donations have rolled in to help us replenish the kitty and build toward our 30th! When you receive your annual alumni fund notice, please specify some or all of your donation for the reunion fund. It will be much appreciated!

Not much in the mailbag this time around. **Russ Denis** owns ZD Wire Products in Norridgewock. They produce wires that are finer than hair and are used in fluorescent lights. They supply manufacturers in China, the Czech Republic, several European countries, and the United States. **Connie Hallett** is in her 24th year of coaching the Deering High School swim team! This year, she is also coaching the boys' swim team. In her "spare" time, she is a single mother of two adopted preschoolers. Congrats to **O.J. Logue** (G) on being inducted into the Maine Running Hall of Fame this past November! O.J. overcame deafness, a speech impairment, and asthma to become one of the best runners in the state. His honors extend from Orono High School, to USM, to being the first Maine finisher in the Boston Marathon in 1981. He also competed in the deaf Olympics, representing the U.S. in track and field in 1981 in Cologne, West Germany. **David Pellegrini** is director of recreation therapy at Orono Commons, a 90-bed rehabilitation, skilled nursing, and residential senior health care community in Orono.

**Bill Lomas** regretted not being able to attend our Reunion last fall but reports that he continues to keep an eye on UMaine hockey and has a nephew on campus who is following in his footsteps as a forestry major and an Alpha Gam. Bill runs a private banking and investment group team for Merrill Lynch in Westport, Connecticut. He and his wife, Gwen, live in Weston and have three children.

My apologies to **Nancy Dube Horne** of Gorham, who dropped me an email some time ago and it got

*Patrice Krant '78*

## "Making the Buy Better" for Coca-Cola

Patrice Krant '78 visited the UMaine campus in March to talk to business students about her career as director of best practices in global procurement trading for Coca-Cola. Patrice describes her position this way: "We don't make the buy, we make the buy better." She has worked at Coca-Cola for 18 years.

When she graduated from UMaine, a career in business was the farthest thing from Patrice's mind. A journalism major, she was looking for work at a Bangor or Portland newspaper when she took a job as an emergency medical technician. That led to her becoming the first woman to work at the Old Town Fire Department.

After a stint in public relations at Husson College, she was offered a job at Coles Express. While there, she met some folks involved with a Georgia software company who recruited her to their operation in Atlanta. When Coca-Cola found it needed the company's software to service companies such as Wal-Mart, it hired Patrice to help with the implementation.

Patrice has never lost her love for Maine and has even purchased a second home in Perry.



lost in the bottom of the file. Emily Post always said you have up to a year to write a thank you note—does that rule also apply to putting news in your alumni column? Hope so! Nancy is an underwriting manager in the Portland office of Peerless Insurance. Her husband, Rob Horne '79, is a manager and loan officer for Farm Credit in Auburn. Their son, Ben, is a junior in high school and rumored to be considering UMaine! Nancy and Rob celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in '06 with a trip to Italy! They keep in touch with **Jim** and **Barb Park Toner**, whose oldest child, Joseph, is a sophomore at Maine. Barb is teaching math and science at Skowhegan High School and Jim is in the recreation department at UMaine Farmington.

Let's see if we can beef-up the news for the next issue with a few more emails! Add me to your address book right now while you're thinking of it! It's also important to update your email address with the alumni association. Lots of great

alumni events take place throughout the year and by updating your email address, you'll be sure to hear about those in your area! It also saves tons of postage dollars! I'll look forward to hearing from YOU!

## 1982

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Hi, everyone. It's been a quarter of a century since we graduated from UMaine! Okay, now that you're feeling acutely aware of the passage of time, write and tell us what you've been doing for the last 25 years! Where are you living and working, and what do you do in your spare time? Whether you're mastering a new skill, embarking on a new career, moving to a new home, or doing the same thing you've been doing since '82, we want to hear

from you. Remember that Homecoming weekend is October 12-14. Mark your calendar!

## 1983

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Hello, fellow members of the Class of 1983! This is my first column as your class correspondent and I am counting on you to make my job easy and interesting.

My family celebrated the New Year in Florida, spending some of our time with David McAtee '85 and his family in Punta Gorda. While there we caravanned to Estero, Florida, to watch the Maine hockey team win the first game of the Florida College Classic; the next night they captured the championship. As long-time Maine hockey fans it was fun to see them play in Florida for the first time.

Are you a constant scanner of the radio dial? If that's the case, allow me to offer a place to stop and listen. If you are located anywhere north of Boston you are probably already familiar with 94.9 WHOM, and you no doubt have heard the voice of Sandra Harris '84 without realizing she attended Orono with us. Sandra has been with WHOM for over 20 years. In fact, my wife, Lisa, and I listened to her in the labor room the night our daughter Melissa, now a member of the Maine Class of '09, was born. Sandra now serves as mid-day announcer from 10-3 each day and as public affairs director for Citadel Broadcasting/Portland. During our college years I worked at the college station, WMEB, with Sandra and her husband, **Chad Gilley**. Today they live in South Portland, Maine, and have two sons, one attending Brandeis University and the other at South Portland High School. So the next time you find yourself searching for an FM station in northern New England be sure to stop at 94.9. You're likely to hear Sandra's soothing voice introducing another light rock classic.

**Janine di Giovanni** made her first visit back to campus since graduation day last fall. Janine, an award-winning author and journalist, has been covering global conflicts since graduation and is considered



one of Europe's most respected journalists. She was in Orono as a guest of student government to speak about her experiences covering wars in places like the Balkans, Chechnya, Algeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, and the Middle East.

Janine's latest book, *The Place at the End of the World*, is a collection of her essays and was published by Bloomsbury in January of 2006. Janine lives in Paris with her husband, French journalist Bruno Girodon, and their two-year old son, Luca.

Winthrop, Maine, police chief **Joseph E. Young, Sr.** was recently elected as president of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police. The association was organized for the purpose of securing a closer official and personal relationship among chiefs of police, superintendents of police, and the chief commanding officers of all police departments in the New England states. Young has served as chief of police in Winthrop since 1986. He resides in Winthrop with his wife and they have three children and two grandsons.

**Gerry Clapper** did something last August that would leave many of us shaking our heads. Gerry competed in the 34th Annual Mount Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hill Climb—some hill! Not only did he compete, he placed first in his age group, and 13th out of 570 bikers, completing the 7.6-mile course in 1:06:10. Gerry and his wife, Caskie Lewis-Clapper '86, reside in Avon, Connecticut, with their children Zachary, Patrick, and Madison.

I am certain that many of you have interesting news to share about family experiences, vacations, or your work. I look forward to hearing from you and welcome your correspondences by U.S. mail, email, or in the stands at a Maine hockey game.

## 1984

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Hello, Class of 1984! I hope you have all had a great winter. Ours started out incredibly mild and I wondered if we would make it to spring without any frigid temperatures. But, in late January we did receive arctic cold as did

much of the United States. I hope you enjoyed it doing what you love—skiing, skating, snowmobiling, or sitting by a warm fire reading.

If your life were a sitcom, which one would it be: "The Office," "My Name Is Earl," "According to Jim," "Everybody Loves Raymond," something else? Or is there drama in your life? Can you relate with "Desperate Housewives," "Lost," "Brothers and Sisters," or "Seventh Heaven"? Send me an email and make me smile!

I received an email from Michael Ducey. He is living in Michigan City, Indiana, and works in the paper industry as a sales manager for Testing Machines. He has over 600 published pages in trade journals, including Pulp & Paper Magazine, Paper Asia, Graphic Arts Monthly, and Newspapers & Technology. He is married to Olga, a former Ukrainian dancing champion, and has one son, Pavel William.

Michael also sent news about several classmates. William Westervelt is now living in Sweden. He has worked for Crane Company since his post-grad work from the Institute of Paper Chemistry. Bill runs Crane's Swedish company and lives there with his wife, Julie, and their two daughters, Avery and Ingrid.

Ed Flaherty is the maintenance coordinator for Domtar, the paper mill located in Woodland. Before returning to Maine, Ed worked with Mead in Chillicothe, Ohio. He lives in Baileyville with his wife, Karen, and their son and daughter.

Eric Hakmiller works for Bunge on bio-diesel production. His work experience includes work at several large agri-businesses, including Cerestar USA (now Cargill) and DuPont Soy Polymers and has sent him to Paris and Mannheim. Eric is married to Rhonda and has four children, Nicholas, Lauren, Scott, and Claire.

Can you imagine spending \$1 million on one fish? That is what koi collectors are willing to pay for this fish which is prized in Asian cultures for its beauty and spiritual value. Micro Technologies, a Maine-based diagnostic research laboratory,



**Bob Fitta '83** attended the alumni association's Legacy Event at Buchanan Alumni House in February with his daughter **Melissa**. Bob serves as the 1983 class correspondent and Melissa is currently a student at the university.

hopes to develop a nonlethal diagnostic test to determine if koi have been infected with the Koi Herpes Virus. Scientists say the virus is deadly and has the potential to wipe out entire populations of koi if undetected. Micro Technologies is based in Richmond, Maine, and performs aquatic animal health and bioscience research with clients around the world. Cem Giray is the company's chief scientific officer.

Peter Stewart is the former commander of Maine State Police Troop J. He is now retired and has started a security business, G&S Security. Businesses hire Peter's company to watch construction sites and handle security at weddings, for example. In addition, the company does consulting. Stewart had been with the Maine State Police since graduation. He notes that retirement has given him more time with his sons, Jacob and Matthew. He coaches numerous sports for school-age children, including Little League, basketball, football, and wrestling.

It is with sadness that I note the passing of Kent Thalacker on June 20, 2005. Kent was a stay-at-home father and leaves his wife, Denise, and two daughters Alison and Katie.

## 1985

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Spring greetings to you all! Drop me a note and let me know about your summer vacations. Where are the best kept secrets for fun?

**Tracie Littlefield Martin** was recently inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame for her work as a basketball official, one of only five officials inducted in 2006. Tracie has been officiating basketball since her student-teaching days at Cony High School in 1985. Tracie is also a soccer referee and softball umpire. She teaches physical education at Narraguagus High School in Harrington, Maine.

**Brian Robitaille** was a member of a team from the *Bangor Daily News* in Bangor, Maine, that won top honors from the Society of Environmental Journalists for a project that examined global warming. The 12-page document, *Our Changing World: Understanding the Science of Climate Change*, highlighted scientific research taking place at UMaine's Climate Change Institute. More than 4,500 copies have been distributed to schools to be used as a teaching tool.

**Alvin Chase** was recently elected to the board of directors for the Georges River Land Trust. He lives in Warren, Maine, is the current owner of Eastern Tire and Auto Service, a family business in operation for more than 60 years.

**Jeff Cross** was inducted into the University of Maine's Sports Hall of Fame in October. He was drafted in the third round of the 1984 NBA draft by the Dallas Mavericks and played for the Los Angeles Clippers during the 1985-1986 season. Jeff ranks eighth in all-time scoring, third in rebounding, and second in blocked shots on the UMaine Black Bears' lists.

**Paula Smith Ross** is a grade six math/social studies teacher at Gorham (Maine) Middle School. From 1991-2004 Paula worked for Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Since 2004 she has worked as a long-term substitute teacher in Gorham until her recent hire.

**Karen Emery** is the newly hired technology integrator at Wescott Junior High School in Westbrook, Maine.

**Tom MacDonald** was recently

## Go Blue!



hired as the senior vice president/risk management officer for Mechanics Savings Bank in Auburn, Maine. Tom was formerly employed with Fleet Bank of Maine and TD Banknorth. He lives with his wife, Joelle, and two children in Scarborough, Maine.

**Chris Redgate** lives in West Palm Beach, Florida. He has been with the marine safety unit of the Lantana Beach Parks and Recreation Department since shortly after graduation. He is married to Robin and has a daughter, Lauren.

All for this time. Would love to hear from you!

## 1986

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Hi, classmates! I hope it is starting to look like spring outside your window now! As I sit and write this, it is minus three degrees out—brrr!

As you know by now, congrats go to **John Baldacci** who began his second term as governor of the state of Maine in January. John said in a November interview that, "I want it to be said that, while I was governor, I did everything in my power and within my energy to do things well for the state of Maine." John plans to work even harder for tax relief, affordable health care, and getting out to personally hear what the public has to say this term. He says that Maine has "something that everybody else wants" because of its quality of life and that "it's our time to shine."

On a family note (poor John!), his son Jack, a high school sophomore, recently got his learner's permit! And a new pooch recently joined John, wife Karen Weston Baldacci '83, '01G, Jack, and pets Sam and Theo in the Blaine House.

In other state house news, congrats also to **Nancy Smith** of Monmouth, Maine. Nancy has been reelected to her Maine House of Representatives seat covering Litchfield, Monmouth, and Wales. She most recently served as House chairwoman of the business, research, and economic development committee. A farmer/forester, Nancy is a retired Air Force pilot and high school chemistry teacher.

**Eric Wicklund**, former editor of the *Biddeford-Saco Journal Tribune*,

has accepted the position of managing editor at MedTech Publishing. MedTech produces *Healthcare IT News* and *Healthcare Finance News*, two national business to business publications.

**Marguerite "Margo" Murphy** (G) has been named 2006 Outstanding Earth Science Teacher. Margo is a 21-year veteran teacher at Georges Valley High School, Thomaston, Maine, and has been the recipient of a number of honors including several Teacher of the Year awards and a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Education. The New England section notes that Margo has transformed her traditional freshman, earth science class into an earth systems approach; using diverse teaching techniques that incorporate data collection. She is using palm pilots as well as mapping using GPS/GIS, monitoring the St. George River in cooperation with the Maine Department of Marine Resources to notify/assist shellfish harvesters and the community, and monitoring land use changes in the community.

Margo has been able to develop a course that is "not a text-based curriculum" and built "a program filled with activities, investigations, demonstrations inquiries that are engaging, target key conceptual understanding, and require students to demonstrate learning." She and students are excited about the new lab equipment that a local company grant has allowed them. Margo and husband, Kevin Parks '89, live in Rockport. Many thanks to her father, William, and to Pat Cummings '89, '44H for forwarding the information to the class.

Please remember, as always, we love getting e/snail mail! Our new email address should be up soon. Write us or the alumni association with updates on the "doings" of you and your friends! Even if you just have a correction for us, we'll appreciate it, ha!

Sergeant **Jon Mahon** is retiring from the Maine State Police to take a security post at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital, saying after 25 years, "It's time to do something different." Jon, an Ellsworth, Maine, native, was honored twice with a Meritorious Service Award during his state police career; once capturing a man who shot two people and again when he and three other officers rescued a Hancock woman whose husband had beaten her and set her on fire. Jon's career included lieutenant in charge of traffic division, internal affairs, working with the

drug unit including undercover, and overseeing the motor vehicle inspection program. Immediately after high school, Jon was a military policeman for three years and finished his degree while working as a state trooper. He also serves on the Ellsworth school committee. Jon and wife, Michelle, have two sons, Trent and Steven.

**Paul Conway**, chief of staff for United State Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, drew laughter from the crowd of 1,800 this past fall at the Maine Center for the Arts, UMaine. Recalling his rejection from the campus Model United Nations he told students and visitors that they had said, "He had not demonstrated enough interest in politics." Paul credits that letter with teaching him to cope with rejection and UMaine experiences for teaching him the importance of service and determination. Paul, formerly president of student government and chair of the Maine State College Republicans Federation, encouraged the audience to become "active, proud members of the campus community." He said, "You learn more at UMaine if you involve yourself inside and outside the classroom" and that without his professors and administration at UMaine he "would not be here today."

Paul also recalled the close friendships he formed in the Senior Skulls and the kind care fellow students showed as he battled kidney disease throughout college. He thanked fellow student Rebecca Wyke '84, who drove him to the hospital. Paul joked, "She saved my life, even though I was an active Republican and I'm pretty sure she was a well-known Democrat."

Paul has held appointments in the U.S. Department of Education, the White House office of national drug control policy, and the federal office of personnel management.

The University of Maine at Fort Kent alumni association honored **Claudette Soucy O'Connell** UMFK ('86G) with the 2006 Outstanding Alumni Award. Claudette has held a variety of teaching positions since starting as a French teacher in Houlton, Maine. She has been teaching French at Brewer High School since 1979 and earned her master's degree in French education at UMaine in 1986.

Claudette has served in many capacities outside of the classroom too, over the years, including club advisor, recertification team, host of the Penobscot Collaboration for Foreign Language Teachers, group

leader for student international trips to 12 foreign countries, treasurer for the Foreign Language Association of Maine, and various executive positions for the Brewer Education Association. She has been honored with several teaching awards including the 2004 Brewer High School Distinguished Teacher Award and the 2006 Sister Solange Bernier Lifetime Achievement Award by the Foreign Language Association of Maine. The association says that the latter award "recognizes the career-long achievements of those who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and leadership in the teaching profession." Also that Claudette "has a passion for the French language and culture and is respected as a knowledgeable teacher who brings a personal touch to her classroom." She and her students have been recognized for their success on the national French and Advanced Placement exams. Claudette and husband, John, have two grown sons, Brian and JJ.

**Glenna Nowell** was recognized with the Women's Cultural Leadership Award at Johnson Hall in Gardiner, Maine. Glenna was director of the Gardiner Public Library for 26 years and a past president of the Maine Library Association. Glenna is nationally known as an advocate of free speech and was Gardiner city manager from 1996 to 2000. She also conducts the annual "Who Reads What" list of famous and influential persons that is publicized worldwide and that we have enjoyed bits of in previous class columns.

Johnson Hall board of directors president John Shaw credits Glenna as a "powerhouse," noting that she joined the Gardiner Rotary when it was opened to women, quickly becoming president of the club and greatly increasing its role in the community. Shaw said that the first time award was created to celebrate the work of women leaders in the arts.

**Gary Tanguay** and Greg Nickerson host Fox Sports Net New England's "Mohegan Sun Sports Tonight." The twice daily program has a loosely structured "shoot from the hip" style that is really catching on. Gary says the show is "more like sports radio on television and that's what we were going for four years ago when we started this. Our slogan is 'never script it' and we don't. Most of it comes off the tops of our heads, which some-



times gets us in trouble." The critics are saying, "sometimes, but not often" as viewers have embraced the show's style of a constantly rotating nine-ring circus featuring six well-known regional football beat writers, WEEI Radio of Boston's Glenn Ordway, and Patriots players Wilfork and Vrabel. Catch them weeknights.

In personal news, **George** is the new finance and scheduling manager for the highway program at Maine DOT. He's enjoying seeing another side of the engineering process, having been on both the bridge design and highway design/management sides. He feels that he is getting much more experience in finance, budgets, and databases. I am still home dealing with health issues that are definitely boring.

Our classmates continue to do fun and impressive things! Please write.

Take care,  
Donny

## 1987

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Hello, Class of '87! Spring is finally here. As of this writing we have had less than two inches of snow in the Boston area this year. Currently it is quite cold out but we enjoyed some unseasonably warm temperatures this winter.

Here is what your classmates have been up to:

**Denise Deschenes Jensen** was named vice president in the corporate education and training department at TD Banknorth. Denise has been with the bank since 2000 and has 15 years experience in banking and training specializing in managing enterprise-wide training projects. She lives in Auburn with her husband and two children.

Have you received a promotion lately? Won any awards or elections? Why not tell us about all of the great things you have been doing? You can send me an email or mail a card to the alumni office. **Dan Higgins** was named superintendent of schools in Corinth, Maine. **Lissa King McDonald** is the administrative dean at South Burlington High School. Previously Lissa had been a teacher and dean of students at Essex High School.

## Jim Boylen '87, Bobby Wilder '88 Land College Head Coaching Positions



Jim Boylen '87

Two former University of Maine athletes were recently elevated to the head coaching ranks of college athletics. In March, Jim Boylen '87 (business) was chosen as the new head coach of the University of Utah basketball team. At the time he was serving as an assistant coach at Michigan State. It's the first head coaching job for Jim, who worked for 13 years as an assistant in the National Basketball Association—11 of those with the Houston Rockets.

Back in February, former UMaine quarterback Bob Wilder '88 (education) was picked to be head coach of the Old Dominion University (ODU) football team. Bob will be starting up a football program that was dropped by ODU in the 1940s. In the fall of 2008, Wilder's new team will join the Colonial Athletic Association, the same league that UMaine and other former Atlantic 10 teams will compete in starting next year.

Bob served for 17 seasons with the University of Maine program—most recently as associate head coach and offensive coordinator. He was widely recognized for his leadership qualities and his creative play calling.



Bob Wilder '88

**Dale Plummer** is the interim baseball coach at Colby College this year. Dale has pitched for the Boston Red Sox and New York Mets, was pitching coach at Colby last spring, and was assistant coach at Bowdoin College from 2001 to 2005. Dale also coached Gardiner High School from 1996-2000 where he led the team to three consecutive playoff appearances. **Rhonda Lawsore Downer** is a special education teacher at Pond Cove School in Cape Elizabeth. Previously Rhonda has been a social worker and operated her own day care center for ten years.

**David Ploch** is a biology teacher at Old Town High School. His school recently received a donation of lab equipment from our alma mater, "Dear Ole Maine." UMaine had received a \$3.3M grant from the National Science Foundation to team graduate students with local teachers to develop hands-on activities to make science and math fun and relevant for youngsters. Now that the six-year program is over the equipment used for the project is being donated to local schools where it will continue to help edu-

cate Maine students.

In last fall's elections **Dan Tremble** was elected to the Bangor school board. Dan previously served as city councilor and mayor and was looking forward to serving the citizens of Bangor in this new capacity. Unfortunately, his wife is employed by the school department. Dan had received legal advice prior to the race that said this was not an issue, but the day after the election superintendent Robert Ervin said that Maine law prohibits this.

Have a great summer and let us know what you are doing. Your old college friends want to know what you've been up to.

## 1988

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**Lisa Perry** (G) works in information technology in the Portland area. She

previously worked in the Washington, D.C. area, designing databases for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and wanted to return to Portland after 13 years away.

**Mike McHugh** was inducted into the university's Sports Hall of Fame last fall. After leading Maine to its first NCAA Tournament and Frozen Four appearances as captain of the Black Bear hockey team, he played with the Minnesota North Stars and San Jose Sharks. His pro career lasted 11 seasons.

Baseball star **Mike Bordick** was also honored on campus when his baseball jersey Number 3 was retired last September. Mike is only the fourth Black Bear player to have his baseball jersey retired. Mike and his wife, Monica Perry Bordick '86, have six children.

Kudos to **Becky Bowden** and **Greg McManus** (G) who worked on an award-winning project at the *Bangor Daily News*. Our Changing World: Understanding the Science of Climate Change received the first-place prize in the Society of Environmental Journalists last fall. Becky works on the copy desk and also does layout and design at the newspaper. She also plays in a band, Gilpin Railroad Incident, which is about to release a CD.

**Jim Dorsky** joined the board of directors of the Georges River Land Trust. Jim is a partner in the firm of Gartley and Dorsky Engineering and Surveying. Jim spent time in Alaska and the Southwest before returning to Maine, where he and his family bought a farm in Appleton in 2003.

We are seeking a new correspondent to write the class column. If you have some time and wish to help, please contact the alumni association at the above address.

Have a great summer!

## 1989

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Happy spring, everyone! I haven't gotten much news—please send me a postcard from your summer vacation destination, or even from your home!

**Eric Weinrich** is a new assistant on the Portland Pirates coaching staff. Eric announced his retirement



as a player from the National Hockey League. "The timing was right," he said. "I didn't want to move my family again." Eric, his wife, and two children live on Cousins Island in Yarmouth. Eric is looking forward to coaching, which is a new challenge for him.

## 1990

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Happy spring!

**Chris Celtruda** was appointed vice president and general manager for the global aerospace product group of CIRCOR International. He is headquartered in Corona, California.

**Brenda Young Jackson** is a fourth grade teacher at the Viola Rand School in Bradley. In September, "she and other classroom teachers were able to choose from more than \$200,000 worth of scientific equipment and supplies being donated by UM." The equipment was previously used by teachers from school systems in the Penobscot River Educational Partnership that collaborated with the University of Maine through a National Science Foundation grant.

**Josh Tardy** of Newport was elected as the minority leader for the GOP in the Maine House for a two-year session.

At the annual American Cancer Society's Volunteer Celebration dinner, **Linda Richards Lowell** received the 2006 American Cancer Society Sunrise Award. She received this award for her work with the Look Good...Feel Better program, a community based program. This program is in partnership with the American Cancer Society, the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association Foundation, and the National Cosmetology Association. Female cancer patients are instructed by volunteer licensed cosmetologists in a classroom situation on how to use make-up and skincare techniques to overcome the appearance-related effects of chemotherapy and radiation. Linda has been involved with the Look Good...Feel Better program since its inception in 1989. "Linda is one of the unsung heroes of Look Good...Feel Better here in Maine,"

## Paul Conway '86: At the Forefront of Federal Efforts to Rebuild the Gulf Coast

Paul Conway '86 (political science) recently became chief of staff to Donald E. Powell, the federal coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding. Prior to starting his new job on April 2, Paul was



serving as chief of staff to labor secretary, Elaine Chao. In March, Paul was the featured speaker at the University of Maine honors luncheon in Washington, D.C. The event was attended by a large number of UMaine honors students (on a spring break trip to the capitol) as well as Washington area alumni and friends. Paul spoke about careers in public service.

said Doug Dieckmann, a community executive for the American Cancer Society.

**Rick Wilson** (G), the principal at Manchester Elementary School, was honored for his 25 years of service at the school. To honor Rick, an art scholarship will be given to a Manchester resident who attends

Maranacook Community School and who excels in music, drama, or the arts and is planning on going to college.

**Rick Wahle** (Ph.D.) works at Bigelow Laboratory. Bigelow Laboratory organizes an annual Café Scientifique, a series of talks for the public on oceanographic topics and

environmental issues. As part of Café Scientifique, in September, Rick presented a talk, Sex, Lies, and the Search for a Sustainable Fishery: Boom and Bust of Sea Urchins in Maine. The talk was held at the Opera House in Boothbay Harbor.

**William Keleher** is the president of Micro Technologies, a private laboratory located in Richmond, Maine. Micro Technologies is preparing to conduct research on Koi fish in hopes of developing a kit for use by Koi owners that will tell an owner if his or her fish is infected with the Koi Herpes Virus. The virus has the potential to infect other non infected Koi fish and potentially wipe out a whole population of Koi fish. Koi fish are valued for their beauty and spiritual value, especially in Asian cultures.

## 1991

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Ah, we survived another winter. Happy spring! Depending on where you live, your winter may have consisted of a "cold" winter day with temps dipping down into the 50s, or you may be one of our far northern dwellers living in near darkness for months. It's all relative, but I'm looking forward to the warmer days and longer daylight hours. On to our class news—

Associated Constructors of Maine has appointed **John O'Dea** as director of communications and member services. Most recently, John served as executive director of the Maine Irish Heritage Center in Portland. He served two terms each in the Maine House and Senate, representing Penobscot County. John and his wife, Melissa Reynolds O'Dea '92, and daughter, Claire, live in Richmond, Maine.

**Andrea Constantine Hawkes** has been named the new executive director of the Tate House Museum located on Westbrook Street in Portland.

In October, **Dawn Durrell Stiles** (MSW), of Augusta, was selected as president of the non-profit organization, Spurwink, one of Maine's largest and most comprehensive mental and behavioral health care agencies. Dawn had been the vice president

## David Whitney Honored for Family Business



Last February, David Whitney '90 (business administration), president of Whitney's Blueberries, Whitney Wreath, and Whitney's Tool Shed, accepted the 2007 Jeffrey H. Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year Award on behalf of his family. The award, given by the U.S. Small Business Administration, recognizes David's hard work in developing and expanding his business, developing employment opportunities, and being active in his community.

Whitney's has been an active part of the Washington County business community for four generations. Whitney's owns 400 acres of blueberry fields and produces more than one million pounds of blueberries a year for its partner, Wyman's. Whitney Wreath is now the second largest shipper of Christmas wreaths in Maine. It operates four wreath plants in Maine.

In 1999, David started a third company, Whitney's Tool Shed, a year-round equipment and party rental business.

All together, Whitney's employs 12 full-time and 800 seasonal workers.



for the agency. She joined Spurwick in 2000 after serving as deputy bureau director for the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

**Paul Hilchey-Chandler** has been hired as the general manager for the newly opened Morgan Hill Event Center in Hermon. This facility will be a multi-purpose complex with aspirations to become the premier events center north of Portland.

**Jean Hylan** (M.Ed.) has taught both art classes and gifted/talented students in Sedgwick for a number of years, and in addition to continuing to teach art at Sedgwick, she has added new responsibilities as Brooklin's preschool program teacher this year. Her extensive experience includes teaching at the Blue Hill Nursery School, the Fairmount and 14th Street schools in Bangor, Maranacook Community School in Readfield, and the Salem public schools in Massachusetts.

The New Country School in West Baldwin has appointed **Sarah McCall Wass** as its new director. Most recently, Sarah co-founded a very active and successful homeschool cooperative in the Limerick area. For the past four years she has been homeschooling her two children.

For 25 years, **Jon Olson** (G) has worked as executive director of the Maine Farm Bureau, and he serves part-time as the pastor of North Wayne Baptist Church. He is among a number of Mainers who work full-time and serve rural churches part-time, referred to as "bi-vocational ministering." Jon lives in Mount Vernon with his wife and has two college-age sons.

San Francisco Giants first baseman and outfielder **Mark Sweeney** underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee in October but is expected to be ready in time for spring training. Mark, a 12-year major league veteran, batted .251 with five home runs and 37 RBIs in a backup role during his first season with San Francisco in 2006.

**George Ojanuga** (MBA) has been appointed as chief financial officer of PEC Development, a rapidly growing Atlanta based land developer specializing in master-planned communities. As part of the senior management team, George will join the newly created PEC Development executive board. Previous to this position, George worked as director of FleetBoston's structured real estate group and as vice president of finance and trea-



**Danny Williams '91, '94G (second row, far left) organized the Best of Bangor Chorus which appeared with Kenny Rogers (front row, sitting) at the Bangor Auditorium in December. The chorus was made up entirely of University of Maine alumni and students. Danny is currently director of development at Eastern Maine Community College and also is a part-time instructor of music with the UMaine School of Performing Arts.**

surer at McCar Homes.

Some news was passed on to me from proud grandparents. Nat Crowley, Sr. '42 and Esther Whitman Crowley '43 were thrilled to report the birth of their 19<sup>th</sup> grandchild, Hannah Alexandra Hunt. Hannah's mom is classmate **Erin Crowley Hunt**. Congratulations!

**John Perry** and Brenda Maddox announced their engagement last summer. John is employed by the state Department of Transportation in Augusta and lives in Hallowell.

May your spring days bring warm thoughts and plans for a great summer. Don't forget to send your news to me or the alumni association.

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friends and classmates  
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## 1992

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Here we are again, time for another update on your classmates. Unfortunately, I haven't had much news to report so this will be short. I had the pleasure of meeting some of our alums at a brunch this past weekend. Tisha Berube Feyler '93 hosted a post-holiday brunch for some of our friends. UMaine alums in attendance were: Judy Campkin Speicher '93, Susan Moore '93, Sharon Moore Kampersol '93, Jennifer Donohue Lloyd '93, Shannon Gardner Curtis '94, Christi Nesbit Marchette '94, Lisa Breton '94, and myself. It was great to see everyone again and catch up. Judy, Christi, and Shannon brought their new babies and it was so great to get to meet them!

**Christopher Jordan** reports

that he was married to Nancy MacNeil this past summer and honeymooned on safari in South Africa. They now reside in Charlestown, Massachusetts; Nantucket; and Carrabassett Valley, Maine. Congratulations, Chris!

**James Hartley** and his wife, Maribeth, recently welcomed their first child, Caroline Mae, on July 6, 2006. James is general manager of Crotched Mountain Resort in New Hampshire.

**Dennis Walton** has been named the new athletic director at Biddeford High School, his alma mater. Dennis resides in Biddeford with his wife and four children. **Scott Bell** was approved as Tripp Middle School principal in Turner, Maine.

That is it for news this time around. I hope everyone is enjoying the spring!

## 1993

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Spring is in the air. Or is it where you live? I am writing this in January from Seattle where we've had a rougher winter here than my family has had back in Maine this year. Wind storms that knocked out power for weeks, snow storms, school closings, all the things that you expect in Maine, but not in Seattle. I thought I left New England to escape those harsh cold and snowy conditions. Hmmm...

Well, my column once again is a bit on the sparing side. So, take a moment and drop me a note so I can report on what's happening in your world. You may not think it's significant, but maybe, just maybe, someone you knew from your good old college days is thinking, "I wonder what ever happened to so-and-so?" Here's your chance to fill us in.

News on my end—still living in Seattle with my family, and love it here. My two boys are now 4 and 2 1/2 and they keep me fairly busy. My



Arbonne business is growing, and I love teaching and training others to build their own successful multi-million dollar businesses by sharing quality skin care and health products with others. I am now an area manager and on my way to regional vice president this summer. If anyone wants a free sample, or wants to learn about my business, check my website:

www.pamelagreb.myarbonne.com.

I received word from our former class correspondent, **Judy Campkin Speicher** that she and her husband, Todd, welcomed Ryan Eric into the family. Ryan was born on August 9, 2006. Big brothers are Chase (5) and Jack (3). Congratulations, Judy!

Also, we received an update from Reverend **Deanna J. Lewis**. In August of 2004, Deanna began serving Centralia, Kansas, UCC church, in addition to serving Onaga since 1995. She was married to Jerry E. Lewis of Centralia, Kansas, and moved from the parsonage in Onaga to Jerry's home in Centralia. They honeymooned in Maine. Thanks for the update, Deanna.

**Wanda Witmer** (G) joined the Orono Commons as the director of social services last summer. She is responsible for social services and discharge planning for the organization. Wanda is experienced in substance abuse counseling, psychology, therapeutic counseling, and supervision. Prior to that, she was with Families United in Brewer as the CAPE program supervisor.

**Paula Theriault** (G), RN, BSN, MBA, joined St. Joseph Healthcare in Bangor, Maine, as the organization's education director in the fall of 2006. She is responsible for planning, coordinating, and implementing educational opportunities for the staff.

**Sean James '93**, '95G was recently named Young Engineer of the Year for the State of New Hampshire. Sean works at Hoyer, Tanner, and Associates and is married to fellow UMaine civil engineering graduate, **Karie-An Lanper James '93**, '95G.

That's all I've got this time around. Hope to hear from more of you for next column. Have a wonderful spring!

Be sure to renew your  
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Hello, everyone! We hope you've survived the winter and are beginning to thaw.

We have some professional news to report: **Brian Doyle** was named assistant principal at Brewer High School. Brian had previously been the assistant principal at Old Town High School. **Amy Sechrest Bragg** has been promoted to clinical director of speech pathology at the Warren Center in Bangor. **John Poulin** recently joined WBRC Architects/Engineers in Bangor as a structural engineer.

And that's all, folks! As always, we'd love to hear from more (any!) of you. Drop us a quick email letting us know what's going on in your life.

## 1995

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Happy spring! I hope the tulips and daffodils are on their way to coming through as I write this in the cold of January.

Brooksville Elementary School is the new professional home of **Megan Tyler Granger** of Blue Hill. Megan is working as the guidance counselor for the pre-K through eighth grade students as well as working with teachers and parents. The position is part-time as Megan also works at the Blue Hill Consolidated School four days a week. Prior to these positions, Megan worked with the Ellsworth Community Health and Counseling Services as well as in private practice. In other education news, **Sara Davis** is now the French teacher at Freeport Middle School.

**Annie Hager** (G) had the honor of being selected as the Village Artists and Gallery's Artist of the Month for October 2006 in Ashland,

New Hampshire. Annie's quilting work was displayed at the Village Artists and Gallery, and when not quilting she teaches mathematics at Plymouth State University. As part of the honor, Annie displayed two mathematically inspired quilts and did free demonstrations of her craft at the gallery. You can visit [AnnieHagerQuilts.com](http://AnnieHagerQuilts.com) to learn more about her work.

TD Banknorth has promoted **Stuart Alex Bradstreet** to assistant vice president in eCommerce in Falmouth. In his new position, Alex is responsible for building, developing, and managing a team to support the delivery of eCommerce initiatives to assigned lines of business. Alex lives in Old Orchard Beach and is a volunteer for the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association and WMPG, Greater Portland Community Radio.

Northern Maine Community College hired **Heidi Broad-Smith** (M.Ed.) in the arts and sciences department as the lead instructor in the college's early childhood education program. Heidi had been an adjunct instructor at the Presque Isle and Houlton locations for a number of years. She also taught for several years in the Bridgewater School Department and through the Circle of Learning in Caribou.

Air Force Major **Carrie Waltz Loranger** was decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal. The medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who distinguish themselves by either outstanding achievement or meritorious service to the U.S. in non-combat situations. Carrie is a wing executive officer assigned to the 82nd Training Wing, Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

And lastly, congratulations go out to **Marla Zando** and **Ken Fengler** of Scarborough, who were wed in September!

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the longer and warmer days. Don't hesitate to let us know what you are up to!

## 1996

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Greetings, friends! Here's what's happening with a few of our classmates:

**Davin Thomas Boardman** is pursuing a master's degree in biomedical engineering at Tufts University. He is employed at Wyeth BioPharma in Andover, Massachusetts. His fiancée, Jocelyn Alice Cyr, is a high school English teacher in Bellerica, Massachusetts. Davin and Jocelyn live in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and plan to marry in August.

**Robin Bennett** (G) is the new town administrator in Ware, Massachusetts. She was formerly the city manager in Barre, Vermont.

**Todd Eastman** is director of photography for music videos and short films. He worked on a music video that won first place at Toyota's Scion xPress Fest, a national competition that matched student filmmakers with up-and-coming indie bands. The video was shot in Savannah, Georgia, for the song "Trains" by the Florida band Summerbirds in the Cellar. Todd's upcoming plans include making a movie of "Uncle Otto's Truck," a short story published in 1983 and written by Stephen King '70. Todd lives in Georgia with his wife, Sara, and is working toward his master's degree in film and television at Savannah College of Art and Design.

Reverend **Frank Grogglette** is pastor at the United Church of Christ in Ludlow, Massachusetts. Frank has lived in California, Florida, Indiana, Maine, and Vermont, and has served in a variety of churches during that time. Frank's wife is a minister at the First Congregational Church in Southampton, Massachusetts.

**Leslie "Tess" Wolcott Buswell** (G) recently retired from her position as principal of Wellington School in Houlton.

That's all the news for now. Please be in touch—your classmates are curious as to what you've been up to! Send me an email and let them know.

## 1997

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Hello, Class of 1997! Is anyone else feeling old? Yes, you can snicker



and roll your eyes at me, as it just really hit me that we graduated from UMaine 10 years ago. For those of you looking to reminisce or catch up with old friends, you may find some of them at Homecoming this year, which is October 12–14.

I think it really dawned on me after we received a very nice thank-you note from Kerry Blenk of Freeport. She was awarded the Class of 1997 scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year. (Did you know we awarded a scholarship? This is news to me.) She is a senior in the wildlife ecology program and is in the process of applying to grad school. She hopes to stay in Maine and hopes to contribute to the field of ecology through research or teaching. In her note she writes, "I would like to thank you for your generous contribution to my education at UMaine . . . This scholarship has been a tremendous help to me. I am sure you understand how challenging it can be to make the most out of an education while trying to pay for it. This scholarship has allowed me to focus on my studies. Once again, thank you so much for your contribution to my education."

So, I'm sure a lot has happened in 10 years, so in case you're wondering how to share your exciting or not so exciting news, whichever you prefer—you can send it to me at: Yolanda\_Sly@hotmail.com or contact the alumni office!

Birthday celebrations are going to be twice the fun for the Beckwith families. Jesse and Melissa Taylor Beckwith's son, Andrew Taylor, was born on May 30 at Maine General Medical Center in Waterville, reports the *Kennebec Journal*. Jesse's twin, **Jason**, and his wife, **Melissa Gagne-Beckwith**, welcomed Lillian "Lilly" Jayne on the same day at Mount Desert Hospital in Bar Harbor. "The ironic thing is, had it been a day earlier, they (babies) would have been born together, in Waterville. We were in the area that day," Melissa told the paper. Melissa is a special education teacher and lives in Bar Harbor with Jason, Lilly, and Lilly's older brother, Logan. Cousin Andrew and his parents, Jesse and Melissa, reside in Winslow. Jason is a scientist at Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor.

The Penobscot Nation Boys and Girls Club dedicated its new Art and Learning Center to the memory of tribal member Lindsey Alemenas, reports the *Penobscot Times*. Lindsey's dad, **Patrick Alemenas** told the *Penobscot Times* at the dedication, "I think she would be



Enjoying the San Francisco alumni gathering in February are (left to right): **Victoria Shi '95**, **Danielle Snow '97, '99G**, **Derek Ribbons '01**, and **Alex Shi**.

very pleased. On a day like this you constantly think of her. You remember little things that pop up. Things you did together, things she said." Lindsey was very active with the Penobscot Nation's Boys and Girls Club. She enjoyed working with kids, particularly with arts and crafts. In addition to recreation activities, the club offers education and health programs.

Best wishes to **Daniel J. O'Connell** (G) on his retirement after 34 years of working in education. He retired from the Brewer school department as an assistant principal. Daniel's long career in education includes 32 years at Brewer school department and two years at John Bapst High School in Bangor.

Congratulations to **Ricky Jones** for becoming the second amateur in three years to win the Charlie's Maine Open Golf Championship. His win makes him only the fourth person to win both a Maine Amateur and a Maine Open, reports *The Bangor Daily News*. Ricky lives in Thomaston.

**James Billings** has joined the Augusta law firm of Lipman, Katz, and McKee as a new associate, reports the *Kennebec Journal Sunday*. Previously, James practiced with Thompson and Bowie in Portland. He and his wife, Christeena, and their son Jack reside in West Gardiner.

Congratulations to **Kipp Avery Powell** and **Amanda Sue Evans** on their engagement. Kipp received his degree in natural resources from UMaine and his master's in wildlife and fisheries sciences from South

Dakota State University. He works for Clean Harbors in South Portland. Amanda is a USM graduate and is completing her master's degree in social work at Boston College. She is employed by Maine Pediatric Specialty Group in Falmouth. They're planning a 2007 wedding.

## 1998

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Hearty Maine Hello! As we thaw out from the cold of winter, let's take a look at what our classmates are up to.

I returned to Germany from my second tour in Iraq earlier this year. Just before the holidays I was able to have a quick lunch with Maine Senator Susan Collins when she visited Ramadi with a congressional delegation. She brought some balsam sachets with her as gifts; it was nice to smell a little bit of Christmas (and Maine) in Iraq! I'm in my last few months here in Germany. Although I'm sad about leaving Europe, I look forward to moving to California for a year of language training.

I was happy to hear about the announcement of **Staci Grant's** engagement to Bill Kenney. She is currently employed at the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy in Richmond, Virginia. Staci also received a master's degree in spe-

cial education at UMaine in 2000. Staci and Bill reside in Lorton, Virginia, and are planning a September 2, 2007, wedding in that area.

Additional congratulations to **Kristen Williams** on her engagement to Timothy Smith. She is currently an actress in Chicago. After earning a master's at UMaine in 2000, Kristen earned a master of fine arts degree in theater at the Chicago Academy of the Performing Arts. They plan on a July 2007 wedding.

Congratulations to **Douglas Marston** and his wife, Jennifer, on the birth of their son, Jacob "Jake" Dale, in July 2006. The family lives in Saco, where they moved after Doug found his job at Tyler Technologies in Falmouth after graduating. They have been married for four years.

UMaine women's basketball star **Cindy Blodgett** returned to Orono this fall as an assistant women's basketball coach for Brown University when the Black Bears hosted the Dead River Company Classic on November 24th. Maine defeated Brown in the first round 62-51. This is Cindy's second season with Brown.

We also have updates on many of our graduate classmates. **Bret Achorn** (G) is the new science teacher with Union 106 in Calais. He splits his time between three middle school classes and two high school science classes. He previously taught three years in Brewer and currently lives in Amherst.

**Judy Mendall Redding** (G) and her husband, Rod, were featured in articles in the *Bangor Daily News* in September. The articles were part of a weekly series as part of National Drug and Alcohol Addiction Recovery month. She is a licensed drug and alcohol treatment counselor with a long career in the treatment field. She and Rod, a retired professor, occasionally teach a course together called "Addiction in the Family."

Our condolences to **Paul Withee** (G) on the loss of his wife, Leann Buzzell Withee '01G, last spring to cancer. Paul is the coach of Foxcroft Academy's football team and his wife was also a strong supporter of the school's football program. Paul led the Foxcroft Ponies in a strong season this fall.

I also created a group for the Class of 1998 at incircle.mainealumni.com as an added way of the Class of 1998 staying in touch and able to provide updates for the classnotes section of



the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. I look forward to seeing your posts!

We hope you are enjoying the spring and look forward to you bringing us up to date on your life in the next issue!

## 1999

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Do you remember where you spent your last UMaine spring break? Can you believe that was over eight years ago? I have updates on few '99ers this season.

**Elisha McVay** is engaged to Jefferson Cram. Elisha keeps herself busy working at Eastern Maine Medical Center, being a Pampered Chef consultant, and a sergeant in the Maine Army National Guard. The couple lives in Old Town. **Aaron Dyer** is engaged to Hyo Jung Lee. He is employed by Dirigo Engineering in Fairfield. The newspaper clipping I received indicated that the couple was planning a traditional Korean ceremony last fall. In November, **Allyson Fogg Allard** joined TD Banknorth Insurance Agency in South Portland as a senior account executive. She lives in Sebago. Please take note of my new mailing address. I just moved for the sixth time since leaving UMaine! Enjoy your summer!

## 2000

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As we are in a chill with weather in the northeast, I sit here and write these classnotes on a snow day from teaching. I am thinking about the warm weather ahead and the spring and summer months. They aren't too far away these days. As the weather warms, I am sure you have class news to share with your fellow Black Bears, so feel free to contact me with any news in your life.

Several classmates are involved in the education field, besides myself. I hope you all got to enjoy a snow day or two this winter also.

Classmate **Tod Hamilton** (G) is now teaching language arts and social studies to fifth through eighth graders at the Penobscot Community School in Maine. He was previously teaching high school English in San Pedro, California. **Ryan Watts** is now in the guidance department at Gorham High School in Gorham, Maine. He was previously employed as a guidance counselor at Oxford Hills Middle School in Maine. Classmate **Donald Fournier** (G) was appointed the new principal of St. Dominic Regional High School in Auburn, Maine, in October. He has been a part of the faculty since August teaching theology. Before coming to Auburn, he was the principal at St. Athanasius and St. John School in Rumford, Maine, for the past five years. Before that he was the technology coordinator and teacher at the school for several years.

Other classmates have put their names in the paper in their local communities also. Classmate **Dr. Simon Alexander** is a new owner and veterinarian at the new Penobscot Veterinary Services, formerly The Penobscot Veterinary Hospital, in Bangor, Maine. Simon and Dr. Justina Kolvoord bought the business from the previous three owners who have been in the business for 35 years. We wish him luck in his new venture.

Black Bear softball player and classmate **Sara Jewett** was inducted into the University of Maine's Sports Hall of Fame over Homecoming weekend in October. Sara was a standout softball player while she attended UMaine. She won several awards including ECAC Division 1 and America East Player of the Year for the softball team in 2000, to go with first team all-conference selections in 1998 and 1999. She holds eight school records, including most home runs, runs scored, and RBIs in a season and career. She also tied the NCAA mark with three homers in one game. Congratulations, Sara, on this great achievement.

Last October, **Misty Edgecomb** was recognized for her savvy reporting by the Society of Environmental Journalists. Misty and a team from the *Bangor Daily News* received first place in the SEJ's national competition for print publications in the smaller-market division for Our Changing World: Understanding the Science of Climate Change. Misty was the primary writer on the project. She is currently working on her master's at the University of Oregon.

Classmate **Eric Barbalias** was married to Jennifer Black '06 in December. Eric graduated from Calvary Chapel Bible College in Murrieta, California, with a degree in Biblical studies after graduating from UMaine. Dr. **Jaclyn Maurer**, of Dalton, Georgia, married Dr. Christopher Abbot in April in Tucson, Arizona. Jaclyn completed her doctoral program at the University of Arizona and is currently a researcher in nutritional sciences. Several classmates will be hearing wedding bells in the near future, **Joshua Chopp**, of Salem, Connecticut, will marry Hollis Popovich on May 26, 2007, at St. Paul Church in Waterford, Connecticut. Joshua is employed at the Bell Pump Service Company in New London, Connecticut. Classmate **Judd Ryan Newcomb** will marry Amanda Brownell this coming summer. Judd is a geologist working at Edwards and Kelcey in Portland, Maine. Classmate **Daniel Cashman** is planning an August 4, 2007, wedding at Hebron Academy to Karen Sanborn '02, '04G. Congratulations and best wishes go out to all these couples during this exciting time in their lives.

Again, if you have news to share, please email or send me some news. Your classmates love to hear from everyone. Enjoy your summer!

## 2001

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Well once again winter is upon us and the holidays have flown by. A new year has been rung in and with it, many of us have gotten married or engaged, chosen new career paths, and moved all over the world.

**Abigail Johnson** recently announced her engagement to Seth Cronkie. Abigail is currently working as a nurse at Bangor Women's Healthcare while pursuing her master's degree in nursing.

In May **Davyn Pavliska** will wed Jason Berube. They even work together as pathology technicians at Dahl-Chase Diagnostic Services.

**Katrina Petersen Van Overbeke** recently dropped me a note and she was married in 2004 to Paul Van Overbeke. In March of 2005 she gave birth to a baby boy.

As if she didn't have her hands full with a two-year-old son, she was recently made president of Mill City Press! She lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Recently married are **Brooke Wentworth** and Randal Sisk. Brooke currently works as an employment-training specialist at a non-profit agency.

**Raymond and Robin Blaisdell Sargent**, living in Cincinnati, Ohio, recently gave birth to their first child, Anna Katherine Sargent.

Black Bear alumni are taking the sports world by storm. **Antoine Smith**, who played defensive lineman with the Bears, has taken a job as a first year defensive line coach with the Ohio Penguins.

Sebago has a new town manager. **Robert Nicholson** was recently elected and he brings to his new position grant writing experience and budget expertise, as well as communication skills. He is ready to meet his new challenge head on with enthusiasm and a fresh outlook.

**I (Bonnie Joy Richards Dewkett)** have also recently changed careers and opened The Joyful Organizer, a professional organization service catering to clients in Fairfield County, Connecticut. I love it and it's very rewarding work.

**Christopher Frank**, founder and CEO of Intelligent Spatial Technologies, was recently the recipient of a \$50,000 check. The Bangor Target Area Development Corporation chose to invest the \$50,000 in the further development of Chris' IPointer technology. Even though Chris received the Small Business Administration's Maine Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Chris doesn't plan to stop here, he wants to develop more technology.

As you can see, your fellow alumni are all busy with new lives, careers and adventures. If you haven't already, get out there this spring and start writing your own adventure!

## 2002

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Now that the snow has melted away and black fly season is on the horizon in Maine, many of our class-



mates have made some new ventures and accomplishments.

I recently joined the forces at our own University of Maine Alumni Association as the membership assistant. Don't forget to keep your membership current so that you may continue to enjoy this wonderful publication.

Over the fall of 2006, many of our education classmates got new positions in new schools. **Aimee Babineau** started a new teaching position in September 2006 at the Hartford-Sumner Elementary School as the kindergarten teacher. Aimee had worked at the Indian Island School in Old Town since graduation. **Justin Page** also took on a new position as the history, sociology, and psychology teacher at both Stearns High School in Millinocket and at Schenk High School in East Millinocket. Justin left his position as an education tech in Old Town and coach of the Old Town girl's basketball team. He plans to volunteer wherever the basketball teams need him in his new schools this coming season. **Beth Skotarczak** was appointed as the third grade teacher at Canal School in Westbrook. She was employed by SAD 28 Camden/Rockport school department. **Glen Chase** is the new girls' basketball coach at Winthrop High School. Glen is substituting in the Winthrop school system while waiting for a full-time teaching position to open up.

**Erica Ricker** is now certified to implement the Lee Silverman voice treatment method for patients with Parkinson's disease. This speech treatment restores oral communication in individuals affected with the disease. Erica graduated from UMaine with a bachelor's in communication sciences and disorders and with a master's in speech language pathology.

**Rebecca Krupke** had her art exhibit on display at the Stadler Gallery this past fall. In 2003, Rebecca was an artist in residence with Prince Edward Island Printmakers Council and lived in Canada for eight months. During that time she captured many homes on PEI that are displayed in her exhibit. Upon returning to Maine, she set her sights on the older homes as subject matter.

**Lauren Steblen** was named the interim head coach for the women's ice hockey team at the University of Maine. Lauren had been the recruiting coordinator and top assistant for the team the past two years.

**Angela Brunelle** got engaged to



## Alumni Association Connections

Two Class of 2002 members have strong alumni association connections. Samantha "Sam" Lott (left) is currently serving on the University of Maine Alumni Association Board of Directors. After graduating from UMaine, Sam went on to earn a M.Ed. from Harvard University. She now lives in Orono and works at the Abnaki Girl Scout Council in Brewer.

Kathryn "Katie" Braggins (right) joined the alumni association staff last fall as an assistant with the annual fund and membership. Katie also serves as the 2002 class correspondent. She lives in Bangor.

Joseph Lee. Wachovia Corporation in Philadelphia employs her as a recruiting consultant. She is planning on a September 2007 wedding.

**Charles McCann** is engaged to Holly Carey. Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro employs him. No date has been set for the wedding. **Jed Peterson** is engaged to Elizabeth Dornbos. Jed is studying at the University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law and resides in Richmond, Virginia. They are planning on a summer 2007 wedding.

**Christopher Shaw** got married to Shannon McLaughlin in October 2006. Chris works as an accountant executive at Communication Technologies in Bangor. **Courtney Moore** and **Jonathan Davis** got married on September 23, 2006. Courtney is employed as a preliminary studies tech by Millapore Corporation in Billerica, Massachusetts. Jonathan works as a department manager for Home Depot in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

**Gustavo Burkett** and Lauri Sidelko welcomed a bouncing baby boy, Benjamin Burkett Sidelko, on January 2, 2007. Ben came into the world at 5.9 pounds, and 18.3 inches long. The family is healthy and happy. Gus is the assistant

director of campus activities for student organizations and Greek life at the University of Maine.

I rely on getting most of the news from local papers and clippings that the kind folks at the alumni association are so generous to collect and provide, but I would love to hear any news that you would like to share with the class. Feel free to email the alumni association or me with your news. Keep in touch, and all the best!

## 2003

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Congratulations are in order to some Class of 2003 grads for their recent weddings. **Christopher Hurd** was recently married to Kristin Villard. Christopher graduated with a degree in electrical engineering and is working at Lincoln Paper and Tissue. He and Kristin were married on November 21st in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Congratulations are also in

order for **Nathan Webster** and Molly Willey. Nathan is currently working for Jiffy Print in Bangor as a graphic designer. His new wife, Molly, is a youth crisis intervention counselor at EMMC. The two had a waterfront wedding on August 27th. **Ian Pillsbury** and **Lisa Liberatore** were married on October 14th. Both are graduates of the University of Maine. Lisa is currently working at the University of New England and Ian is employed by Bath Iron Works. I also have a wedding to announce. I was married on October 7th to Matthew Hamann. I graduated with a degree in mass communications and am working in human resources at The Jackson Laboratory. Matthew is the promotions manager for the CW network in Bangor.

Quite a few UMaine grads have some new jobs to report. **Summer Allen** emailed me to say that she is currently working at the university at the new Center for Research on Sustainable Forests. She is the assistant to the director. **Johanna Szillery** (G) is a new soil and wetland scientist at SW Cole, and **Fred Nehring** recently started his own surveying business. **Kristin Swenson Gagnon** is a school psychologist at the Bethany Public School in Connecticut and **Michael Loveless** is the new physical education teacher at Wescott Junior High School in Westbrook. **Steve Michaud** is the new web technician at the University of Maine at Fort Kent and **James Fitzgerald** is the new deputy planner for Ellsworth. Congratulations!

## 2004

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Well this year certainly seems to be flying by! Before you know it, summer will be rolling around and it'll be time for barbecues and ballgames. I've got quite a few updates to mention, so I'll get right to it!

I happily reported the marriage of Senior Skull **Greg Sinnett** to Marilyn Nichols '06 back in the winter, but I would also like to add that Greg is now working as an engineer at Fairchild Semiconductor. While Greg and Marilyn recently tied the knot, some other members of the Class of



**Matthew Holsapple** and Sarah Nichols '05 had an April wedding in Bangor. Matthew is currently pursuing post-graduate studies at Trinity Theological Seminary, and is employed as an admissions representative at Andover College in Lewiston. Sarah is currently a music teacher at Tripp Middle School in Turner. **Matthew Ayotte** also has a wedding in the works with Nicole Osborne, and an August wedding is in the cards for the couple.

**Chris Flood** is certainly looking forward to his first experience as an editor of a newspaper. After working for two years reporting the news around Portland, Chris has been promoted to be the editor of the *Kennebunk Post*. I'm sure we all wish Chris the best of luck with his new responsibility. **Jennifer Adams** was also recently hired by the Greene Central School to teach fourth grade. We also have another alumna who has recently been elevated to a higher post within the Maine educational system. **Heather Perry** (G) was recently hired as the new superintendent of schools for Union 60.

**Karlin Bundy** has been hired as an assistant coach for the field hockey program at UMaine. Karlin is a certified personal trainer, and in her impressive career as a lady Black Bear, was a four-year letter winner and captain of the squad for two years. The Black Bears' field hockey program is very fortunate to now have such a dedicated professional and gifted athlete on their staff.

**Whitney Mills** has recently accepted a position as a guidance counselor at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. A Chi Omega alumna, Whitney received

Please let me know if you would like anything included in the next column. I always enjoy the opportunity to let everyone know how the Class of 2004 is doing in the working world. As for myself, I enjoy school far too much, so I'll stay here as long as I can. As my college career surpasses eight years, I know that all too soon I'll join the ranks of the working world, so I may as well try to put it off for another semester or two. So feel free to drop me a line or an email me with your updates, because I'm always glad to hear from everyone.

# 2005

Spring is upon us—if not already here. Perhaps the snow has melted, but if you are anything like me, you are already awaiting next winter and freshly fallen snow. However, I am likely alone in that. . . so let's relish the sunshine and warm days to come! I want to thank those who have taken the time to share with me, and invite more Class of 2005ers to send their news my way.

Let's begin with some weddings and engagements! Congratulations to **Erin Carpenter** and Matthew Gagnon '04 on their wedding, which happened on September 2, 2006. Erin and Matthew are living in Annapolis, Maryland. Congratulations also to **Michael Rocque**, who is engaged to Andrea Lasselle. Michael is going to graduate school

While I may not know everyone personally from my class, I am always proud to read about the accomplishments, particularly in the work world, that my class has achieved. **Rose Graves** is the new education director for Northwoods Stewardship Center in Vermont. **Joelle Albury**, a business management major, has joined the Allen Financial Group in Camden. **Ryan P. Dougherty** has graduated from Officer Candidate School, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Ryan will be working as a field artillery officer.

**Andrew Rudnicki** is working as a mechanical engineer intern for WBRC Architects/Engineers in Bangor, and is on the team to renovate the Helen Hunt School in Old Town for the new home of Old Town Family Practice. **Chris Markwood** was named an assistant coach for the men's basketball program at UMaine, and **Missy Traversi**, another Black Bear standout during her athletic career on campus, was added to the Daniel Webster College women's basketball staff.



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# Weddings

1972

**Art Dingley** to Tamara Jane Cooper on August 16, 2006, in Argyll, Scotland. They reside in Farmington, Maine.

1982

**Richard Leighton Doane** to Hilary Hudson Gerrior on May 13, 2006, in Cumberland, Maine. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and reside in Cumberland.

1986

**Kimberly Anne Trafton** to David Brian O'Neill on October 21, 2006, in Portland, Maine. They reside in South Portland.

1990

**Mary Alice Bryer Ludden** to Matthew Blaine Thompson on September 16, 2006, on Peaks Island, Maine. They live in Portland, Maine.

1991

**John Lisnik, Jr.** to Katie D. Dolloff on October 31, 2006, in Portland, Maine. They live in Portland.

1992

**Jon Christopher Young** to Elizabeth Ann Gimpel on January 22, 2007, in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. They reside in Blue Hill, Maine.

1995

**Marla Kathryn Zando** to **Kenneth Paul Fengler** on September 22, 2006, in Portland, Maine. They are planning a honeymoon in Europe and reside in Scarborough.  
**Gerard Pepin** (G) to Deb Jones on November 11, 2006, in Daytona, Florida. After a honeymoon cruise to Mexico, the couple resides in Holly Hill, Florida.

1998

**Shannon Rae Coro** to Robert Joseph Bellavance, Jr. on June 24, 2006, in Camden, Maine. After a wedding trip to Jekyll Island, Georgia, they live in Dudley, Massachusetts.

1999

**Jeremy Cameron** to Andrea O'Clair on September 30, 2006, in Augusta, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Las Vegas.

**Edward Lavertu** to Martha E. Lambert on September 9, 2006, in Biddeford Pool, Maine. They took a honeymoon trip to Quebec City and reside in Biddeford, Maine.

2000

**Chad Vance** to **Tabitha Trafton** '02 on September 2, 2006, in Dedham, Maine.

**Robert Patrick Arritt** to Katherine Comeau on September 16, 2006, in Bangor. They live in Nashua, New Hampshire.

**Jacinda Boucher** to Jamie Dionne on June 10, 2006, in Augusta, Maine. They took a wedding trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida, and live in Augusta.

**Joel Peter Arsenault** to **Melissa Marie Marlowe** '99 on July 15, 2006, in Portland, Maine. They traveled to Mexico and reside in Alton Bay, New Hampshire.

**Tara Kathleen Holmes** to Francis Everett Joseph Thurber III on July 8, 2006, in Sharon, Massachusetts. After a honeymoon on Block Island, Rhode Island, they reside in Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

2001

**Michelle Hart** to **Andrew Michaud** on October 7, 2007, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, and reside in Dover, New Hampshire.

**Tyler Blackburn** to **Dominique Chornyak** '02 on September 30, 2006, in Ellsworth, Maine. They took a honeymoon trip to Grand Bahama Island and reside in Westbrook, Maine.

**Megan Smist** to **Craig Thill** '04 on October 7, 2006, in Rockland, Maine. They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Rockland.

2002

**Jessica M. Simpson** to Christopher T. Fulchino on November 3, 2006, in Portland, Maine. They reside in Portland.

**Jessica Anne Cifelli** to Nicholas Michael Trenpainer on September 2, 2006, in Westbrook, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Hawaii and reside in Gorham.



**Sara Elizabeth Green** '03 was married to **Matthew Hamann** on October 7, 2006, in Brewer, Maine. They live in Bangor. Sara currently serves as the 2003 class correspondent.

**Stacey Elizabeth Keene** to Timothy Osmond Cook on April 15, 2006, in Carrabassett Valley, Maine. They honeymooned on St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, and reside on Eustis Ridge, Maine.

**Joseph Domenic Irace** to **Julia Hopkins Heard** '03 on September 9, 2006, in Falmouth, Maine. They honeymooned in Jamaica and currently reside in Portland.

**Amanda Frances Lobley** to **Brad Maynard Franklin Worcester** on April 23, 2006, in Portland, Maine. They live in Lewiston.

**Catherine Laflamme** to John Knasas on July 15, 2006, in Providence, Rhode Island. They visited St. Lucia on their honeymoon and live in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

2003

**Jennifer Hayden** to Michael Runco on July 16, 2006, in Dedham, Maine. They live in upstate New York.

**Sara Elizabeth Green** to Matthew Hamann on October 7, 2006, in Brewer, Maine. They enjoyed a three-week honeymoon in Thailand

and live in Bangor.

**James P. Briggs II** to **Natalie E. Stiles** '05 on July 15, 2006, in Old Town, Maine. They traveled to Orlando, Florida, and reside in Syracuse, New York.

**Daniel Vasconcelos** to Shannon Barry on October 21, 2006, in Ipswich, Massachusetts. They honeymooned in the Galapagos Islands, and live in Newburyport, Massachusetts.

**Alisa Marie Reed** to **Jason D. Solomon** on June 23, 2006, in Portland, Maine. They took a honeymoon trip to Nevis Island, West Indies, and reside in Westbrook, Maine.

2004

**Gregory Harper Sinnett** to **Marilyn May Nichols** '06 on August 5, 2006, in Falmouth, Maine. They reside in Westbrook, Maine.

**John R. Boucher** to Jackie Masse on July 1, 2006, in Fort Kent, Maine. Following a trip to the Smokey Mountains, the couple lives in Fort Kent.

**Kelly Elizabeth Guthrie** to **Adam N. Johnson** on August 25, 2006, in Orono, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Savannah, Georgia, and reside in Portland, Maine.

2005

**Marianne Lynne Fortier** to Drew Scott Dunning on July 7, 2006, in Bangor, Maine. They spent their honeymoon in Aruba and reside in Bangor.

**Melissa Turner** to James Frost, Jr. on September 16, 2006, in Brewer, Maine. They reside in Fort Myers, Florida.

2006

**Heather C. Melanson** to Thomas Andrew Miller on August 19, 2006, in Groton, Connecticut. They enjoyed a honeymoon trip to Boothbay Harbor and reside in Portland, Maine.

**Meredith Kirk-Lawlor** to **Tyler Mann** on May 20, 2006, in Orono, Maine. The Kirkmanns honeymooned in Prince Edward Island and reside in Old Town.  
**Justin R. Keleher** to Michelle Kim Young on July 15, 2006, in Wiscasset, Maine. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and resides in Bowdoin, Maine.



# Deaths

Unless otherwise stated, towns are in Maine. For more complete obituaries, go to: [mainealumni.com](http://mainealumni.com).

1929

**Bradford Francis Merrill**, 97, from Chula Vista, California, on November 10, 2004.

1931

**Helen "Beazel" Wales Beasley**

**Ernst**, 99, from Tom's River, New Jersey, on January 1, 2007.

**Willis "Bill" Leroy Stiles**, 97, from Portland, on March 15, 2007.

1933

**Harry "Boothie" Edward Booth**,

99, from Griswold, Connecticut, on March 12, 2007.

1934

**Robert Gray Adams**, 94, from

Chelmsford, Massachusetts, on January 12, 2007.

**Josiah "Joe" Henry Allen**, 92, from Riverside, California, on March 10, 2005.

**Francelia "Frankie" Pearl Dean**

**Corbett**, 95, from Lenox, Massachusetts, on March 26, 2007.

**Walter Edwin Ludden**, 91, from Alexandria, Virginia, on March 25, 2003.

**Dorothy "Dot" Helen Moynihan**,

90, from Hamden, Connecticut, on March 2, 2004.

**Alicia "Al" Maude Tracy Smith**,

93, from Lincoln, on July 24, 2005.

**Eva Myrtle Bisbee Weidel**, 93,

from Lansdale, Pennsylvania, on July 23, 2005.

1935

**Alice Augusta Sonnichsen**

**Birnbaum**, 92, from Madison, Connecticut, on December 31, 2006.

**Eleanor "El" Genevieve Gowen**

**Jacobs**, 92, from Biddeford, on March 4, 2007.

**Donna Lucille Kendall Parks**, 92, from Sarasota, Florida, on August 1, 2006.

**Wilbert "Prony" Lucien**

**Pronovost, Jr.**, 92, from Augusta, on March 8, 2007.

**Virginia "Gin" Trundy Stone**, 92,

from Searsport, on January 7, 2007.

**Donna Victoria Weymouth**

**Wheeler**, 94, from Ellsworth, on March 16, 2007.

1936

**George Ahrens Clarke**, 91, from Stamford, Connecticut, on January 5, 2007.

**Margaret Asnip Doucet**, 91, from Ipswich, Massachusetts, on

## Francelia Dean Corbett Class of 1934

Francelia Dean Corbett '34, known to her friends as Frankie, died March 26, 2007, in Lenox, Massachusetts. She was 95.

As a UMaine student, Frankie was a member of the Sophomore Eagles and All Maine Women. After graduation, she worked as a home demonstration agent, helping rural Maine women and their families.

In 1937, Frankie married fellow Class of '34 member Donald Corbett. Following Don's death in 1988, she carried on the Corbett legacy of giving, including presenting UMaine with the \$1 million naming gift for the Donald P. Corbett Business Building in 1991.

Both of Frankie's daughters, Ann Corbett Lucas '61 and Virginia Corbett '64, are UMaine graduates, as is her son-in-law Robert Lucas '61.



September 26, 2004.

**John Marshall Etter**, 91, from East Quogue, New York, on October 1, 2006.

**Georgia "Chim" Isabel Fuller Wiesendanger**, 92, from Winthrop, on October 29, 2006.

1937

**Charles Maynard Bartlett**, 90, from Naples, Florida, on December 1, 2006.

**William Follett Chapman**, 92, from Bradenton, Florida, on December 6, 2006.

**Eugene Coffin**, 92, from Guilford, on December 23, 2006.

**Gardner "Gard" Coffin Grant**, 91, from Cherryfield, on April 9, 2007.

**Grace Elizabeth Knowles**

**Homsted**, 89, from Hermon, on April 2, 2007.

**George Laurence Houston**, 91, from Bangor, on March 9, 2007.

**Anne May Bradley LaFave**, 89, from Plano, Texas, on December 1, 2002.

**George Sumner Lawless**, 91, from Pinellas Park, Florida, on June 23, 2006.

1938

**David Cameron**, 89, from Rockport, on December 31, 2006.

**John Wilbur Coffin**, 91, from Sykesville, Maryland, on December 13, 2006.

**Joseph Henry Lewis**, 90, from

Sorrento, on March 23, 2007.

**Sarah Wells Littlefield**, 90, from Brewer, on February 5, 2007.

**Eugene Cyril McCann, M.D.**, 89,

from Falmouth, on March 1, 2007.

**Raymond "Mac" Powell McGinley**, 90, from East Barre, Vermont, on January 18, 2007.

**Ruth Shirley Seavey McGinley**, 90, from East Barre, Vermont, on January 25, 2007.

1939

**Dana Edgecomb Drew**, 89, from Hartford, Connecticut, on February 1, 2007.

**Louis Tolman Harris**, 90, from Dover-Foxcroft, on December 8, 2006.

**Elizabeth Curtis Huntoon**, 90, from Portland, on February 23, 2007.

**Priscilla "Pat" Day Haskell Libby**, 89, from Los Angeles, California, on March 1, 2007.

**Melvin "Mac" Almon McKenzie**, 91, from Tallahassee, Florida, on February 25, 2007.

1940

**Ann Arlene Hart Dickens**, 87, from

Lincolnton, on December 15, 2006.

**Paul Raymond Gorham**, 88, from Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, on November 9, 2006.

**Stephen Clark Hamlin**, 85, from Orono, on January 28, 2007.

**Henry Lloyd Hathaway**, 89, from Estero, Florida, on September 20, 2006.

**Erwin Lovett Heald**, 90, from Lincolnton, on November 1, 2006.

**Atwood "Woody" Ora Smart**, 89, from Hallowell, on March 13, 2007.

**Donald Calvin Smith**, 88, from Presque Isle, on January 23, 2007.

1941

**Faulkner "Mont" Earlmont Chase**, 89, from Portland, on April 3, 2007.

**Phillip Goos**, 86, from South Palm Beach, Florida, on December 3, 2006.

**Robert "Irv" Mayes Irvine**, 89, from Augusta, on January 25, 2007.

**Juliet Spangler Kellogg**, 88, from Bangor, on February 8, 2007.

**Robert John Lovejoy, D.M.D.**, 89, from Farmington, on March 17, 2007.

**Homer Hollett Oaksford, Jr.**, 84, from Spokane, Washington, on

March 2, 2002.

**Edgar Fuller Sewell**, 88, from Lenox, Massachusetts, on January 6, 2007.

**James Kerr Tweedie, Sr.**, 86, from Lamoine, on February 19, 2007.

1942

**Priscilla Emery Thurlow**

**Anderson**, 86, from Phoenix, Arizona, on October 20, 2006.

**Gordon "Lefty" Haley Bither**, 87, from Houlton, on November 28, 2006.

**George Hill Buck**, 87, from Orland and Orono, on February 27, 2007.

**Frederick Todd Burpee III**, 90, from Orono, on April 9, 2007.

**Cherrie Madeline Thorne Kaifer**, 86, from Baltimore, Maryland, on December 27, 2006.

**Laurence Gilmore Leavitt**, 86, from Orono, on February 10, 2007.

**Willis Edward Libby, Jr.**, 85, from Wilmington, Vermont, on January 25, 2007.

**Nello "Rip" Frank Ripanti**, 88, from Marblehead, Massachusetts, on February 21, 2007.

**Roger "Curly" Edward White**, 85, from Ormond Beach, Florida, on April 20, 2006.

**Shirley Gladys Ashman Yih**, 86, from Ann Arbor, Michigan, on June 17, 2006.



# Deaths

1943

**Bruno Elmer Aho**, 85, from Union, on March 3, 2007.

**Iva Virginia Henry Bennett**, 86, from Belleview, Florida, on December 13, 2006.

**Walter "Red" Herbert Foster, Jr.**, 87, from Holden, on March 20, 2007.

**LeRoy Alexander Ladner, Jr.**, 86, from Exeter, New Hampshire, on December 6, 2006.

**Richard "Mac" Douglas McKeen**, 84, from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, on April 25, 2004.

**Edward Alfred Robinson**, 87, from Story, Wyoming, on December 21, 2005.

**Janice Melendy Thomas**, 86, from Portland, on January 20, 2007.

**Gordon "Tool" Kenneth Tooley**, 86, from Brevard, North Carolina, on December 29, 2006.

**Barbara Muirhead Gowen Utman**, 86, from Biddeford, on December 6, 2006.

1944

**Barbara Ruth Mitchell Brown**, 82, from Bar Harbor, on March 13, 2005.

**Donald Leslie Goodwin**, 83, from Harrisonburg, Virginia, on January 6, 2007.

**Richard Rockwood Palmer, Jr.**, 84, from Leesburg, Florida, on November 14, 2006.

**Floyd Flynt Smith**, 84, from Greenville, South Carolina, on September 27, 2006.

1945

**Kenneth Francis Vennett**, 84, from Monroe, North Carolina, on March 12, 2007.

**Byron Austin Young**, 84, from Sebring, Florida, on February 17, 2007.

1946

**Malcolm "Bud" Edward Brown**, 81, from Bangor, on March 23, 2007.

**Richard Thomas Cleaver**, 83, from Latham, New York, on May 16, 2006.

**John Joseph Sabattus**, 82, from Brewer and Calais, on November 28, 2006.

1947

**Isabelle "Izzy" Elaine Trefethen Flight**, 78, from Rochester, New York, on July 15, 2005.

**Elizabeth "Kelley" Adele Kelso**, 81, from Topsham, on November 1, 2005.

**Eulilia Chase Ludden**, 91, from



**Priscilla Day Haskell Libby**  
Class of 1939

Priscilla "Pat" Day Haskell Libby '39 died on March 1, 2007, in Los Angeles at the age of 89. Pat was a great outdoors lover and an active member of the Sierra Club. She climbed every mountain in Southern California and hiked the entire John Muir Trail. She began distance running in her 60s and completed over 50 marathons and ultra-marathons, including one 50-mile race. She continued running marathons into her 80s.

Alexandria, Virginia, on December 19, 2005.

**Elizabeth Madeline Ray**, 81, from Polson, Montana, on January 3, 2007.

1948

**Barbara Jean Goodwin Abusamra**, 80, from South Kingstown, Rhode Island, on February 9, 2007.

**Marcia Smargon Kornetsky**, 78, from Newton, Massachusetts, on March 30, 2007.

**Ellen Jean Ambrose Scanlin**, 81, from Dahlonega, Georgia, on March 15, 2007.

**Helen Elizabeth Noyes Taylor**, 80, from Dover-Foxcroft, on December 21, 2006.

1949

**Arline "Gert" Gertrude Begert**, 87,

from Lewiston, on January 27, 2007.

**Beatrice Young Carlin**, 79, from Auburn, on February 14, 2007.

**Jason "Jay" Cole**, 78, from Wells, on January 22, 2007.

**Bernard Kiernan Cough**, 79, from Bar Harbor, on March 24, 2007.

**Frederick Ingraham Glover**, 71, from Ocala, Florida, on April 28, 1996.

**Dorothy Ann Averill Hawkes**, 79, from Bangor, on March 13, 2007.

**Robert Herman Land**, 75, from Chicago, Illinois, on October 6, 1999.

**Homer Charles Michalaros**, 82, from Portland, on February 24, 2007.

**Walter "Readie" Oliver Read**, 86, from Orono, on February 22, 2007.

**John Fremont Scamman**, 84, from West Brandywine, Pennsylvania, on January 26, 2007.

**Dana "Smitty" Alme Smith**, 81, from St. George, on March 5, 2007.

**Barry Edward Steele**, 83, from Yarmouth, on March 9, 2007.

**John Warren Wentworth**, 81, from Grandville, Michigan, and Lovell, on November 3, 2006.

1950

**William David Betts**, 79, from Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, on January 12, 2007.

**Charles Adams Chadwick**, 83, from Providence, Rhode Island, on October 24, 2006.

**Irving "Red" Leon Cushman**, 79, from Winthrop, on February 19, 2007.

**Robert Louis Dwelley**, 82, from Brunswick, on April 9, 2007.

**George Atwood Foster**, 84, from Ipswich, Massachusetts, on January 6, 2007.

**Alfred "Bud" Kean Hobbs**, 78, from New Ipswich, New Hampshire, on January 25, 2007.

**Cleo Francis King**, 87, from Cape Elizabeth, on January 15, 2007.

**Edna Gertrude Rankin Libby**, 78, from Camden, on April 2, 2007.

**Haig Manoogian**, 85, from Windham, on April 2, 2007.

**James Albert McMahon**, 83, from Nashville, Tennessee, on January 5, 2007.

**Ralph George Noyes**, 78, from North Haven, Connecticut, on February 16, 2007.

**Michael Francis O'Toole**, 82, from Los Angeles, California, on January 4, 2006.

**Sherman "Pelt" Leroy Pelton**, 81,

from North Fort Myers, Florida, on February 3, 2007.

**Andrew Seth Phillips, Jr.**, 81, from South Portland, on December 22, 2006.

**Frank Joseph Potenzo**, 81, from Scarborough, on January 11, 2007.

**Paul Edward Susi, Jr.**, 78, from Pittsfield, on December 5, 2006.

**Edward Mills Towner**, 80, from Boynton Beach, Florida, on July 16, 2006.

**Edward Joseph Tremblay**, 80, from Hendersonville, North Carolina, on December 24, 2006.

1951

**Evelyn Emma Fickett**, 87, from Brewer and Cherryfield, on December 8, 2006.

**Winifred Earlene Keith Fish**, 77, from Holden, on April 12, 2007.

**Eric Klokholm**, 84, from Augusta, on February 12, 2007.

**Marsh MacBurnie Loane**, 83, from Palmdale Park, California, and Guilford, on December 21, 2006.

**Joyce Ann McGouldrick Ryder**, 77, from Williamsburg, Virginia, on November 29, 2006.

1952

**Alfred Arthur Gagnon**, 82, from Upton, on January 18, 2007.

**Richard Bramley Goodrich**, 67, from Pleasanton, California, on August 28, 1997.

**John Vincent Hyde**, 78, from Cocoa Beach, Florida, on October 9, 2006.

**Ralph Thurman Kilgore**, 76, from South Portland, on March 25, 2007.

**Ruth Elaine Moulton**, 75, from Anchorage, Alaska, on November 17, 2006.

**John Stapleton Murdock**, 77, from Aiken, South Carolina, on November 28, 2005.

**Victor Kenneth Peachey**, 92, from Manchester, on December 31, 2006.

**Mary-Helen Fernald Sanborn**, 75, from Willimantic, on March 4, 2007.

1953

**Kenneth Dixey Boehner**, 77, from Livingston, Texas, on January 28, 2007.

**Howard Hilding Hede**, 82, from Stockholm, on December 5, 2006.

**Vaughn Raymond Martin**, 78, from Millinocket, on December 22, 2006.

**Paul Frederick O'Connor**, 75, from Holden, on March 14, 2007.

**Floyd "Pete" Julian St. Peter**, 73, from Ashland, on November 29, 2006.

**Fred Philip Tarr**, 75, from



Westborough, Massachusetts, on December 28, 2006.

**James Barron-Hayden Tolman**, 74, from New Haven, Connecticut, on August 15, 2002.

**William Warren Wyer**, from West Baldwin, on March 19, 2007.

1954

**Richard Kenneth Bailey**, 82, from Harwich, Massachusetts, on December 10, 2006.

**Perley Merlin Dean**, 75, from Westbrook, on March 26, 2007.

**Harold Bernard Hyde**, 71, from Corte Madera, California, on June 14, 2003.

**Samuel Rideout, M.D.**, 81, from Fort Fairfield, on December 16, 2006.

1955

**Edward John Bickerman**, 73, from Aiken, South Carolina, on September 27, 2006.

**James Arthur Duval**, 72, from Scottsdale, Arizona, on January 9, 2006.

**Dorothy Ford Greenlaw**, 101, from Dover-Foxcroft, on December 28, 2006.

**Arlene Frances Low**, 90, from Farmington, on January 13, 2007.

**Mary Elizabeth Hatch Norburg**, 74, from Milford, on March 4, 2007.

**Frank Harrington Pickering**, 75, from Orland, on February 2, 2007.

**Charles Frank Thoits III**, 74, from Concord, New Hampshire, on March 21, 2007.

1956

**John Stephen Blaney**, 79, from Hemet, California, on November 22, 2006.

**Janet Alice Smith Hinckley**, 79, from Norway, on November 4, 2006.

1957

**Bernard Barton Bailey**, 75, from South Paris, on December 15, 2006.

**David Lewis Bosworth**, 73, from Riverview, Florida, on June 21, 2004.

**Thomas Reed Brackett**, 70, from Ballwin, Missouri, on October 19, 2006.

**Robert Bruce Brown**, 81, from Monson, on November 23, 2006.

**Joan "Jo" Grace Knight Day**, 71, from Portland, on December 16, 2006.

**Madeline Lancaster Dingley**, 93, from Lee, on January 7, 2007.

**Robert Edward Dorr**, 75, from Socorro, New Mexico, on August 8, 2006.

**Irwin Abraham Meltzer Hyman**, 69,

## John W. Wentworth Class of 1949

Pioneering engineer John Wentworth died on November 3, 2006, in Grandville, Michigan. He was 81.

While at RCA, John was associated with some of the most important advances in the development of color television. He wrote the first textbook on color television electronics and also headed up RCA's world-wide broadcast electronics program.

John was Class of 1949 valedictorian. He later won RCA's top award, the RCA Victor Merit Award, and was elected a fellow in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. In 1991, John was picked as one of the 125 University of Maine alumni who have "made a difference in the world."



John Wentworth giving a demonstration while working at RCA.

from Holland, Pennsylvania, on February 7, 2005.

**Mary Alice Goding Kyes**, 86, from Farmingdale, on December 8, 2006.

**James "Skip" Nathaniel Noonan**, 71, from Arlington Heights, Illinois,

on December 28, 2006.

**Robert Paul Schmidt, D.M.V.**, 77, from Frederick, Maryland, on December 14, 2005.

1958

**Stewart "Stu" Bryon Atkinson, Jr.**,

## Fred P. Tarr Class of 1953

Fred Tarr '53 died on December 28, 2006, after a long illness. He was 75.

Fred served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Later he earned a master's degree from Northeastern University. He worked as a chemical engineer at Monsanto, W.R. Grace & Company, Polaroid, and Intermedics-Infusaid Corporation. After retirement he became the owner of Tarco Properties.

Fred was also a very loyal alumnus who served for many years on the alumni association board, including three years as national fund chair and one year as board chair. He was awarded the Pine Tree Emblem Service Award in 1989 for his hard work and dedication on behalf of his alma mater.



71, from Los Angeles, California, on January 7, 2003.

**James Ronald Burke**, 64, from San Francisco, California, on December 22, 2000.

**Arlene Beatrice Grindle Byther**, 99, from Dedham, on February 18, 2007.

**Mary Elizabeth Richardson Fitzgerald**, 67, from Fairfax, Virginia, on December 8, 2005.

**Arthur Hubert Lund**, 77, from Jefferson, on December 13, 2006.

**Martha Sanborn**, 88, from Gorham, on December 29, 2006.

1959

**Janet Higgins Dicker**, 75, from Presque Isle, on February 5, 2007.

**Frederick "Butch" Penfield Liberty, Jr.**, 70, from Lewiston, on February 27, 2007.

**Courtland Dixon Perry II**, 70, from Augusta, on April 6, 2007.

**Raymond Garfield Totman**, 70, from Windham, on December 30, 2006.

1960

**Paul "P.J." Stanley Jordan**, 71, from Riverdale, Georgia, on November 3, 2006.

**Robert Augustus Wiles**, 70, from Clifton, on December 16, 2006.

1961

**Philip Edgar Smith, Jr.**, 67, from Ashburnham, Massachusetts, on December 11, 2006.

**Norman Edward Thurlow**, 67, from Round Rock, Texas, on December 25, 2006.

**Lauretta "Laury" Alice Martineau Williamson**, 67, from Kennebunkport, on December 31, 2006.

1962

**Beatrice Theresa Conley**, 94, from Auburn, on February 14, 2004.

**David Kenneth Lutes**, 73, from Easton, on February 24, 2007.

**Hugh Charles Michaud**, 65, from Mattawamkeag, on January 7, 2007.

**Robert Norman Rhoades**, 61, from Houston, Texas, on August 16, 2000.

**William Edward Richards**, 69, from Lake City, Florida, on May 21, 2006.

**Robert Lee Weissenburger**, 70, from Rockaway, New Jersey, on June 26, 2005.

**Allison "Whit" Ingalls Whitney**, 66, from Veazie, on March 10, 2007.

**William Deane Wright**, 86, from Cochran, Georgia, on June 16, 2006.



# Deaths

1963

**Ronald James Cnossen**, 70, from Waitsfield, Vermont, on November 12, 2005.

**Madeline Stevens Dodge**, 91, from Brooks and Jackson, on April 4, 2007.

**Ronald Joseph Mallett**, 70, from Old Town, on December 13, 2006.

1964

**Kathleen Demeritt Knight**, 90, from Belfast, on January 20, 2007.

**Catherine Haskell Savage**, 97, from South Harpswell, on January 16, 2007.

**Yvonne Elizabeth Wilkinson**, 65, from Portland, on December 30, 2006.

1965

**Robert George Bailey**, 63, from Charlottesville, Virginia, on January 14, 2007.

**Victor Carl Brum**, 83, from Augusta, on March 4, 2007.

**Aileen Duffy Carroll**, 84, from Portland, on February 7, 2007.

**Peter Allan Duncan**, 64, from Bangor, on April 16, 2007.

**Dorothy Clark Jordan**, 83, from Warren, on March 16, 2007.

**Roland Arthur Libby**, 64, from Cushing, on February 13, 2007.

**Nancy Beatrice Smith Masaitis**, 63, from Deland, Florida, on February 4, 2007.

**Frederick Neil Richards**, 73, from Orrington, on March 6, 2007.

1966

**Robert David Ballard**, 62, from Hallowell, on February 20, 2007.

**Lloyd William Davidson**, 78, from Farmington, on February 2, 2007.

**Bruce Elliotte Morrill**, 60, from Orrington, on February 16, 2007.

**James George Shanks**, 63, from Brownfield, on January 9, 2007.

1967

**Gwendolyn Haley Harmon**, 82, from Caribou, on February 10, 2007.

1968

**Harold LaForest Emerson III**, 62, from Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, on February 16, 2007.

**Jacqueline Ann Sereyko Page**, 59, from Fruit Cove, Florida, on March 22, 2007.

1969

**Pauline Elaine Caouette-Moore**, 61, from Auburn, on February 18, 2007.

**Barbara Lee Ellsworth Connellan**, 84, from South Portland, on April 4, 2007.

## Peter Allan Duncan Class of 1965

Peter Duncan '65, '65G died unexpectedly on April 16, 2007, in Bangor. Peter's career focused on the paper industry. He was national president of Omya AG/Pluess Staufer of Switzerland and director of coated papers for Specialty Minerals in New York City. Later he became the executive director of the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation.

Peter was involved in many altruistic efforts, including serving as the chair of the building committee to reinstate the charter and reputation of his fraternity, Phi Eta Kappa. He also established a family scholarship for UMaine chemical engineering students.



1971

**Richard Carpenter Hebb**, 58, from Bridgton, on October 11, 2006.

**Frantz Albert Holtan**, 57, from Smithfield, on February 23, 2007.

**Michael Norman Landry**, 58, from

Saco, on December 12, 2006.

**Gregory Clark Stevens**, 58, from Yarmouth, on April 16, 2007.

1972

**George Willis Lord**, 62, from Vienna, on February 10, 2007.

## Greg Stevens Class of 1971

Well known political and media strategist, Greg Stevens '71, died at his home in Yarmouth on April 16, 2007, following a long struggle with brain cancer.

At UMaine, Greg was president of his class and a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Greg began his long career as a strategist in 1976, when he worked on Gerald Ford's reelection campaign in New Jersey. He also worked on the first gubernatorial bid by Tom Kean, and later, on the staff of then Congresswoman Olympia Snowe '69. In 1983 he returned to New Jersey to become chief of staff for newly elected governor, Tom Kean. In the late 1980s, he began his career as a campaign consultant. As a consultant, he produced the famous 1988 Dukakis tank ad, and in 2000 he was instrumental in John McCain's New Hampshire primary victory.

Greg is survived by his wife Judith Files Stevens '71.



Greg Stevens in the late 1980s.

1973

**Marion Edythe Larlee Brown**, 88, from Oakfield and Houlton, on November 20, 2006.

**Rosebeth Caplan Miller**, 56, from Williamstown and Fairbanks, Alaska, on January 16, 2007.

1975

**Elizabeth Mary Drake**, 51, from Scarborough, on December 1, 2006.

1978

**Vangel Asimakopoulos**, 62, from Bangor, on December 13, 2006.

1980

**Rand Louis Erway**, 52, from, Corvallis, Oregon, on November 26, 2006.

1981

**Donald Joseph Taylor**, 51, from Bangor, on November 26, 2006.

1982

**Rosemary Bernice Barrow**, 64, from Columbia, Missouri, on August 11, 2006.

**Nancy Ruth Elliott**, 46, from South Weymouth, Massachusetts, and Bangor, on November 25, 2006.

1986

**Mary Frances Golob**, 63, from Dover-Foxcroft, on January 4, 2007.

1989

**Donald Herbert Gray**, 40, from South Portland, on November 29, 2006.

**Stuart Andrew Ross**, 40, from Lexington, Kentucky, on January 8, 2007.

**Sandra Jean Ladd Springer**, 39, from Greenwood, Indiana, and Holden, on December 18, 2006.

1990

**Walter A. Nervik**, 39, from Corvallis, Oregon, on November 18, 2006.

1993

**Andrea Elizabeth Pomroy**, 60, from West Gardiner, on February 12, 2007.

1994

**Robert Leon Agrillo**, 62, from Orlando, Florida, on February 24, 2007.

1995

**Sandra Laskey Drennen**, 67, from Milford, on January 26, 2007.

1996

**Lisa Ann Noonan**, 45, from Winder, Georgia, on April 2, 2007.

1997

**Cynthia Instasi**, 67, from Hampden, on January 27, 2007.

1999

**Marion Ruth Foss Russell**, 73, from Bangor, on February 16, 2007.



# And the Winner Is!



Lawrence Bender '79 takes home an Oscar for co-producing Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*.



AP images/Chris Carlson

Lawrence Bender '79 (left) celebrates with Al Gore at the Academy Awards in February 2007.

In the spring of 2005, Hollywood producer Lawrence Bender '79 went to see Al Gore's traveling slide show on global warming in Los Angeles. The former vice president's presentation had a powerful effect on Bender who immediately realized "it had to be a movie."

Because of the urgency of the climate change issue, Bender also realized that the documentary had to be made as soon as possible. He teamed up with environmental activist Laurie David (wife of comedian Larry David), director Davis Guggenheim, and others, and together they approached Gore about the movie idea.

"Al was skeptical at first," Bender told Amanda Griscom Little of the Gristmill Blog. "He said, 'How are you going to make a movie about my slide show?'"

However, Gore was soon sold on the potential impact of making a movie of his global warming message. But neither he nor Bender ever imagined the level of success their documentary would have—from critical acclaim to box office sales to raising awareness worldwide on the climate change issue. Ultimately, the documentary captured the most important thing in Hollywood, an Academy Award.

*An Inconvenient Truth*, which cost just over \$1 million and took just seven months to make, has already grossed over \$46 million, the third highest amount ever for a documentary. Most of the profits from the film are going into a fund to raise awareness of the warming threat to the planet.

Bender was able to make all this happen because he is an established, successful producer. He is perhaps best known for producing most of director Quentin Tarantino's movies including *Pulp Fiction*, *Reservoir Dogs*, and the *Kill Bill* series. Among the many films he's produced was the very successful *Good Will Hunting*.

Both *Pulp Fiction* and *Good Will Hunting* were nominated for Academy Awards for best picture (his movies have received numerous nominations in other categories), but this is Bender's first experience being on the stage to celebrate receiving an Oscar.

Bender is especially pleased that the Academy Award win for *An Inconvenient Truth* has put "an amazing amount of focus on this issue." And although he has been a longtime advocate for social and environmental issues, Bender's association with Gore has energized him to do more on global warming. Teaming up with Wal-Mart and Yahoo! he has launched 18Seconds.org—an effort to promote energy saving compact florescent lights.

"As far as committing myself to the climate issue, the really big moment for me was seeing Gore," Bender told Grist.org. "I believe if we lick this climate crisis, people are going to look back and the tipping point is going to be one person: Al Gore."

And if Gore decides to jump in the 2008 presidential race, he will have at least one major supporter in Hollywood.

"I would personally drop everything in my life to support him if he were to run," Bender exclaimed.



# A New Concept in the Battle Against Cholesterol

A lot of “old school” methodology and a touch of serendipity led researcher Harry Davis '77 to the discovery of Zetia.



It was a special night—by any measure, the pinnacle of a career. Researcher Harry “Chip” Davis ’77 was in Washington, D.C., along with two of his Schering-Plough Research Institute colleagues, to receive the Discoverers Award, the pharmaceutical industry’s highest scientific honor, for their breakthrough discovery of the cholesterol reducing drug Zetia.

The room was filled with leaders from the industry as well as world-renowned scientists. There were tributes to the award recipients’ brilliance and dedication.

But the most meaningful moment of the evening for Davis wasn’t meeting impressive guests, or even receiving high praise and recognition from his peers. It came when a member of the jazz group performing at the event approached him and asked to shake his hand.

“He was taking Zetia, and he told me he just wanted to personally thank me for helping him to reduce his cholesterol and hopefully lead a longer, more healthy life,” Davis remembers.

It wasn’t the first time Davis had been personally thanked for his discovery, and as Zetia becomes more and more popular as an anti-cholesterol drug, it’s not likely to be the last.

One reason that Zetia has garnered so much scientific acclaim is that it represents the first major breakthrough in cholesterol treatment since the discovery of statins back in the late 1980s. Like many scientific discoveries, it came from a combination of brilliance, persistence, creativity, intuition, and serendipity. In Davis’ case it even in-



volved utilizing some “old school” methodology.

When Davis first came to Schering-Plough from the University of Chicago, his focus was on targeting an enzyme (acyl-CoA cholesterol acyl-transferase or ACAT) that seemed to be involved with cholesterol absorption. That was in 1987, when every pharmaceutical company in America was pushing hard to develop its own cholesterol-lowering drug for an expanding market.

Davis’ first year of work at Schering-Plough led mostly to dead ends and frustration. Then his intuition took over. He told the institute’s chemists that if they could make enough of the compound he needed he was going to study cholesterol inhibition in whole animals (hamsters).

It was strictly a hunch—and an out-of-fashion one at that.

“It really was ‘old school,’” Davis says. “I like to think of it as the ‘From chemists straight into seven-day cholesterol-fed hamsters, and we don’t do that anymore model.’ It’s really unheard of in drug discovery these days.”

But the “old school” hunch payed off in a big way. The compound (SCH-48461), although ineffective at inhibiting the intended enzyme, ACAT, was found to be very effective at reducing cholesterol in both hamsters and monkeys.

“We knew we really had something,” Davis says. “Especially with the response in monkeys because that would correlate more closely to the response in humans.”

But there were some issues with SCH-48461.

A chance hallway meeting between Davis’ fellow Schering-Plough researchers, Margaret van Heek and Kevin Alton, began a collaboration that helped resolve some of the issues with the original compound and ultimately led to the three scientists sharing the 2006 Discoverers Award for their work.

As it happened, van Heek was examining the effect of the SCH-48461 compound in rats—specifically the impact that the compound found in rats’ bile had on cholesterol absorption. Alton, in turn, was

studying the metabolism of the compound.

Together van Heek and Alton discovered that when the compound enters an animal’s digestive track, it begins a process that works over and over again to inhibit cholesterol absorption in the intestine.

Further experimentation found that part of the metabolism involved adding a sugar molecule which greatly increased the effectiveness of the anti-cholesterol compound and provided the basic formula for the production of the very potent Zetia.



**“We just haven’t seen any significant side effects from Zetia (compared to placebo treatment). In particular, it has shown no adverse effect on the digestive system.”**

It turned out that, unlike statins, which block cholesterol production in the liver, Zetia does its work in the intestine. This breakthrough provided an important alternative for those with liver ailments or who had difficulty with the side effects of statins.

“We just haven’t seen any significant side effects from Zetia (compared to placebo treatment),” Davis says, who takes the drug himself. “In particular, it has shown no adverse effect on the digestive system.”

In addition to the great benefits of Zetia for those at risk for heart disease, the work of Davis and his colleagues also fundamentally changed the understanding of the process through which cells absorb cholesterol, laying the groundwork for future discoveries. In 2004 the results of their work were published in the prestigious journal *Science*.

Following the initial development of Zetia, Davis made another very important discovery. Taken by itself, in very small doses, Zetia reduced LDL cholesterol by 18 percent. “What would happen,” Davis thought, “if we combined Zetia with statins—one inhibiting cholesterol in the intestine, the other in the liver?”

Once again the results were surprising and extraordinary. Taken together, Zetia and statins reduced cholesterol much more significantly than when either drug was taken by itself. In fact when just a 10 mg dose of Zetia was added to a standard statin treatment it reduced LDL cholesterol by an additional 25 percent. By contrast, achieving a 25 percent reduction with statins alone would require a quadrupling of the dosage, with an increased risk of side effects.

Subsequent studies indicate that almost two-thirds of the people who were not able to achieve their LDL cholesterol goals with statins alone, were able to do so with the addition of Zetia.

That means countless heart attacks prevented and many lives saved.

When Zetia was introduced in 2002 (nearly ten years after Davis’ initial discovery) as a joint venture between Merck and Schering-Plough, it received immediate, widespread acclaim. One report noted that the new drug’s effectiveness, when combined with statins “takes us to realms of cholesterol lowering capability that could not have been dreamt of a decade ago.”

Its success is reflected in the fact that, from 2002 to 2006, there have been more than 10 million prescriptions written for Zetia.

Using hamsters and monkeys in ground-breaking pharmaceutical research was not exactly the kind of animal-related



work that Davis had in mind when he arrived at the University of Maine in 1973. At the time, he wanted to become a veterinarian and he had chosen UMaine because of its strong animal science program. Maine had another big attraction. Although he had grown up in the New York/New Jersey area, he loved skiing and other outdoor activities.

Indeed, Davis says he did a great deal of skiing in his undergraduate days at the university. He also played on the soccer team as a freshman and sophomore. And it was at UMaine that he met Pam Badger Davis '76—the woman he would later marry.

Davis also devoted himself to his studies. And although the veterinary school plan didn't work out, he was accepted to the master's program in anatomical pa-

thology at George Washington University. From there he went on to earn his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago.

Upon completion of his doctorate, Davis applied for, and was awarded, a National Institutes of Health grant for research in atherosclerosis.

"Getting a grant like that right out of graduate school is fairly unusual," he says. "But it was fortunate for me because with it, I was offered a position on the University of Chicago faculty."

The Davises frequently make the trip to Kennebunkport to visit Pam's parents. But until he returned as a guest lecturer this past March, he had not been back to the Orono campus since his graduation.

Davis' long estrangement from UMaine was a reflection of his very demanding career, not his feelings about his alma

mater. In fact, he looks back on his time at UMaine with fondness and gratitude.

"The university gave me a solid background," he says. "It really provided me with the foundation for everything I've pursued in my career."

And while it may be difficult to top a scientific breakthrough such as the one that led to the development of Zetia, Davis is currently hard at work on one of America's most pressing health problems, obesity and the related problem of diabetes.

"Obesity has become quite an epidemic," Davis notes. "And with that epidemic comes the corresponding increase in diabetes. With our new understanding of the human genome, I think there's a good deal of promise that we'll see breakthroughs that will help people with these problems."

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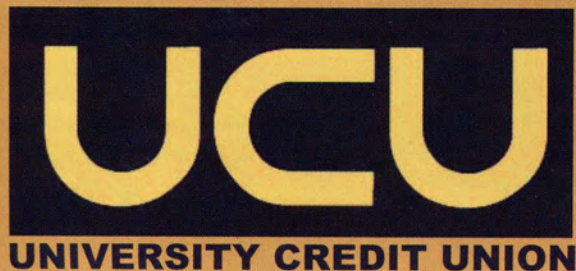
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# Of Mind and Muscle

In our current era of sports, working to make the U.S. Olympic team in any event can be a full-time pursuit. Well how about going for the Olympic dream while fulfilling all the demands of a Ph.D. student?

Meet University of Maine alumna Katharine "Kate" Page '04. Page is currently a doctoral student at the University of California, Santa Barbara in material science and engineering—leading edge stuff dealing with the study of magnetic materials and looking at the basic relationship between structure and property.

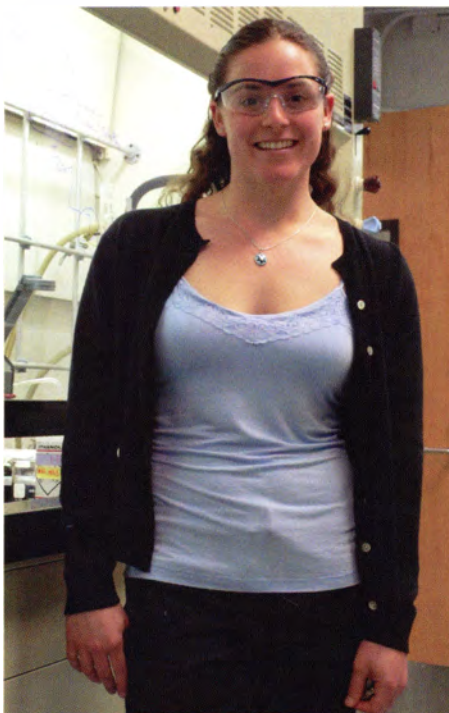
Page is also an elite weightlifter, currently ranked 20th in the United States and moving up. Just this spring, she finished first in her weight class at the National Collegiate Championships in Reno, Nevada. Her goal is to go as far as she possibly can in her sport. For a weightlifter, that means an invitation to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Toward that goal, Page does 12 high-intensity workouts per week—each workout comprising one to two and a half-hours. In addition, she has to devote a good deal of time and attention to meeting her nutritional needs.

So how does she manage it all? To help understand that, we go back to her days at the University of Maine where she was an honor student in chemical engineering and the captain of the women's track and field team.

"She was so disciplined and hard working," says Rolland Ranson, assistant head track coach at UMaine. "She could manage her time amazingly well. She was a top student in a very difficult major, but even when we had two practices a day, she would be the first person on the track. She had her priorities set and she had a great value system. With Kate, everything was in order."

By all accounts, Page was a highly or-



*Kate Page '04 wants to make the 2008 U.S. Olympic weightlifting team. But her top priority is finishing her Ph.D. in material science and engineering at UC Santa Barbara.*





ganized achiever even before she arrived on the UMaine campus. At Nokomis Regional High in Newport, Maine, she excelled in both academics and sports. Among the many good schools she considered, UMaine became her top choice.

"One of the prime considerations, of course, was the quality of the university's engineering program," she says. "I also was looking for a Division 1 track program. And there were financial considerations, too. Because I was valedictorian at Nokomis, I received a Top Scholars award, so all my tuition was covered. And my track scholarship and a few small merit awards pretty much paid for the rest. Plus, I love Maine and the university was close to my family."

As a member of the Black Bear track team, Page quickly demonstrated her versatility as well as her skill. Her best events were discus (in which she still holds the university record), the shot put, and javelin. At times she also ran in relays.

And although she started lifting weights in high school, it was at UMaine that she began thinking about actually competing in the sport.

It was during one of her two UMaine summer internships at the Los Alamos Laboratory that Page got serious about Olympic-style lifting.

"I was looking for someone to do my regular strength training with, and I found this fellow who was an Olympic-style weightlifter," she remembers. "I started working with him, and I actually still work with his coach. That summer really stirred my interest in the sport."

When she got back to UMaine in the fall, her strength coach at the time, Chris Anderson, further en-

couraged her to think about competitive lifting.

"He thought that Olympic-style lifting could really be my thing," Page says. "That's partly because I'm pretty small (5'5.5", 152 pounds)."

She explains that in weightlifting, her small size is an advantage. First, the competition is broken into weight classes, so she would only compete against women of similar size. Second, shorter lifters actually have an advantage in that they don't have to lift the weights as far.

"It's not considered a good thing to be tall and lanky in this sport," she says. "There are a few successful lifters who are tall, but they are rare."

With its two events (see sidebar), Olympic lifting incorporates athleticism and flexibility as well as strength. And unlike bodybuilders, Olympic-style lifters develop strength without huge muscular

bulk. So Page's background as a Division 1 track star became another advantage. That background also helps her to prepare mentally.

"I compare lifting to high jumping, where you have that bar in front of you that you have to clear," she explains. "Both sports are very much mental. So you incorporate visualization and other techniques—things that our track coaches really helped me with. It was all a lot easier having been an athlete at UMaine."

After being encouraged by her experience at Los Alamos as well as her UMaine coaches, Page decided she wanted to see just how far she could go as a weightlifter.

As it turned out, she went pretty far, pretty fast. In that summer between her junior and senior year, she entered her first competition at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. To her surprise, she ended up qualifying for the American

Open Championships. At the Open she finished fifth in her class. Later in the year at the U.S.A. Nationals competition, she finished fourth.

"I was pretty surprised at how quickly I emerged on the national scene," she says.

But Page didn't allow herself to get caught up in her early success. Lifting was never her top priority. Her primary focus was finding the right graduate school where she could pursue her academic/research interests.

"I decided that I would go as far as I could in this sport without compromising my work in graduate school," she says.

As it turned out, Santa Barbara was a perfect choice for Page's research interests, but not necessarily the ideal place for a competitive weightlifter.

On a daily basis, she has to train in her garage, without the benefit of a coach.

## A Brief Primer on Olympic Weightlifting

### Events

#### The Snatch:

Competitors must lift the barbell from the floor to a full extension over their head in one continuous motion.

#### The Clean and Jerk:

In a two-part sequence, competitors first "clean" the barbell from the floor to an intermediate "racking" position on their shoulders and chest while in a squat. They then rise to their feet and "jerk" the barbell over their heads, with one leg in front and one in back. Then they bring their feet together.

### Judging

Three judges oversee the successful completion of each lift. If a competitor has met the requirements, a judge shines a white light. If it's an unsuccessful lift a red light is shown. At least two white lights must be shown for the lift to be successful.

### Weight Classes

There are seven classes for women: 48 kg (105 lb), 53 kg (116 lb), 58 kg (127.8 lb), 63 kg (140 lb), 69 kg (152 lb), 75 kg (165 lb), and 75 kg-plus.

### Order of Competition

The competitor who chooses the lowest weight goes first. If the competitor is unsuccessful, he/she can choose to try that weight again or hold off for a heavier weight. (Weight is increased by one-kilo increments.) Each lifter gets only three lifts per event, so choosing which lift to participate in is extremely important.

### Medals

First, second, and third-place medals are awarded for competitors who have successfully lifted the heaviest weight in each event. Medals are also awarded to competitors who lifted the most weight in the combined events.



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"It takes a lot of self-motivation," she admits. "But I really enjoy training, because it's so totally different from grad school and it gives me a break from scientific pursuits."

One thing that helps keep Page motivated is staying in touch with her old UMaine friend and teammate Vika Rybalko '03. Like Page, Rybalko is also in a very demanding Ph.D. program at the University of Rochester while pursuing her own Olympic dream as a long jumper.

"They keep in touch with each other and they definitely motivate each other," Ranson notes. "I think it helps them both because they are in tough graduate programs and also training to compete at the highest levels in their sports. They are two amazing people."

Page does occasionally travel to be with her coach for one or two-month stretches. She says she takes her research work with her and that all her advisors at Santa Barbara are understanding and supportive.

"It also helps that I have my own fellowship from the National Science Foundation for my graduate studies," she says. "Being independently funded really helps in terms of giving me some flexibility."

This summer, Page will compete in the World Collegiate Championships. Later there will be the American Open Championships, the U.S.A. Nationals, and possibly the American Games. How she does in those competitions will determine her overall ranking in women's lifting and ultimately whether she will be invited to the Olympic trials next April.

"Right now I'm ranked 20th, which puts me in a good position," she says. "Things are moving in the right direction—I just need to put the work in."

Page feels good about her chances to fulfill her goal of making it to the Olympic trials. Making it to Beijing, however, is a whole different story.

Qualifying for the U.S. Olympic team

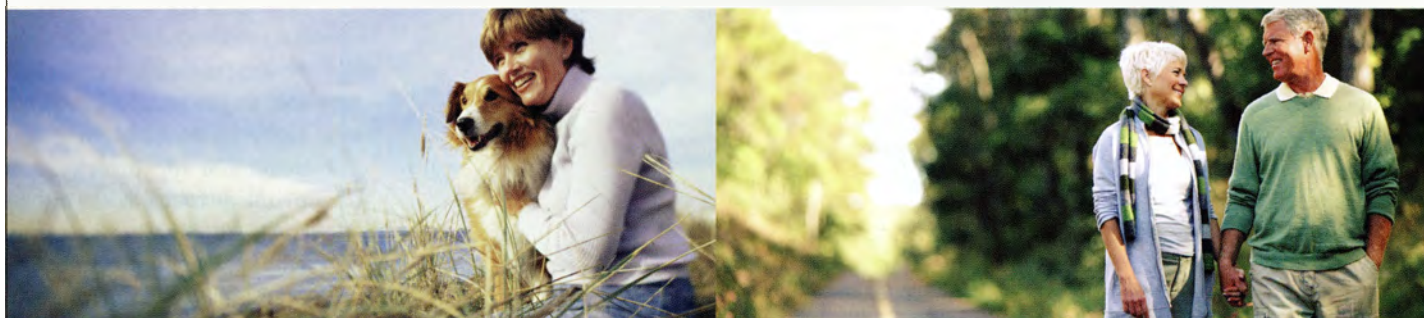
in weightlifting is unbelievably difficult. Only four or so American women lifters are likely to get to compete in the 2008 games.

And the feat is made even more daunting by the fact that it's not just a matter of being the best in your weight class. The team is chosen based on their standing against international competition and their likelihood of earning a medal. That means it's possible that three lifters could be chosen from the heavyweight class (75 kilos) and none from Page's 69 kilo class.

"The Olympics are far and away the toughest thing to make in the sport," Page says. "That is still my goal, but I'm also realistic. There are people at the top tier, training with a coach at the Olympic Training Center everyday. That's what I'm competing against. It's a long shot for me."

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# Loyalty and the Bottom Line

The decision to drop Bangor's WZON for Black Bear game broadcasts, in favor of a national company, gave a boost to the UMaine athletic department, but it didn't sit well with some alumni, including the station's owners Stephen '70 and Tabitha Spruce King '71.

By Jim Frick

**T**he recent move by Learfield Communications, on behalf of University of Maine athletics, to drop the Stephen and Tabitha King-owned Bangor radio station WZON-AM in favor of a more lucrative contract with Clear Channel created quite a stir this spring in Eastern Maine. (Clear Channel currently has a deal pending to sell its Maine stations, but the new owner would be bound by the Learfield agreement.)

Beyond the WZON listening area, the story didn't receive much coverage. So for all of you living outside of Maine, here's the story.

In March 2006, the university signed over to Black Bear Sports Properties (a subsidiary of Learfield Communications) exclusive rights to negotiate the radio and TV rights for Black Bear athletics, as well as the handling of all on-campus marketing, for \$450,000. The six-year contract guaranteed the athletic department a total of \$2.95 million over that time frame. If Black Bear Sports Properties were very successful in its efforts, athletics could receive more—40 percent of any net annual revenues over \$900,000.

According to UMaine officials, the Learfield contract marks an entirely new concept for UMaine sports. Previously, the university negotiated its own agreements for radio and TV and also handled its own advertising and marketing. In the case of WZON (The ZONE Corporation), the athletic department received \$10,000 a year for radio rights. However, the station also



Tabitha and Stephen King (*Bangor Daily News* photo.)

incurred all broadcaster salaries as well as other expenses. In addition it offered considerable free promotional airtime for the university (the station estimates that airtime was worth over \$70,000 a year).

Under the new Learfield model, Black Bear Sports Properties absorbs broadcast expenses, but retains nearly all commercial inventory, produces the games, and makes broadcaster and talent decisions in mutual agreement with the athletic department.

UMaine athletic director, Blake James, explains that because the concept is new to the university, it isn't yet clear exactly how much more annual revenue will be generated. But what makes the situation more stable, he says, is that \$450,000 is now

guaranteed.

"This is a great boost for us in terms of what we are able to do," James says. "The guaranteed money is important, because it means we can budget it as revenue right from the start. We know what we are getting. Before, when we did our own sales, we could never be sure what we would bring in."

James notes that the outsourcing model is one that over 30 major schools, including Penn State, Minnesota, and Texas A&M, are following. He says UMaine is one of the first schools that doesn't have Division IA football to sign on with Learfield.

"We are leading the way for the next echelon of schools," he said.

The other big advantage, James says, is that the new agreement means a boost in the coverage area. Two FM stations will now replace WZON's AM coverage—WVOM (103.9) will carry football and hockey and WGUY (102.1) will carry UMaine basketball as well as some baseball and softball games. Those stations broadcast at 50,000 more watts than WZON. And with the new broadcast company owning stations in the state, James is looking forward to more of them carrying UMaine sports, especially in the Portland area (a station in Rockland and Augusta has already been added).

"My goal is to be able to say we are statewide in our broadcasts," he says. "It's time to promote the university statewide."

While UMaine sports will reach a wider audience, it will be losing some of the in-depth coverage an all-sports station like WZON affords.

Another concern that arose was in regard to Internet coverage. WZON provided



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free online coverage of many Black Bear games for fans living outside of its listening area. Clear Channel does not have that capability. But James guaranteed that by the time the first football game is played this fall, "We'll have radio coverage via the Internet."

When UMaine first decided to contract with Learfield, it made it clear that it appreciated all that WZON had done for the university and that it wanted to continue its relationship with the station, if at all possible.

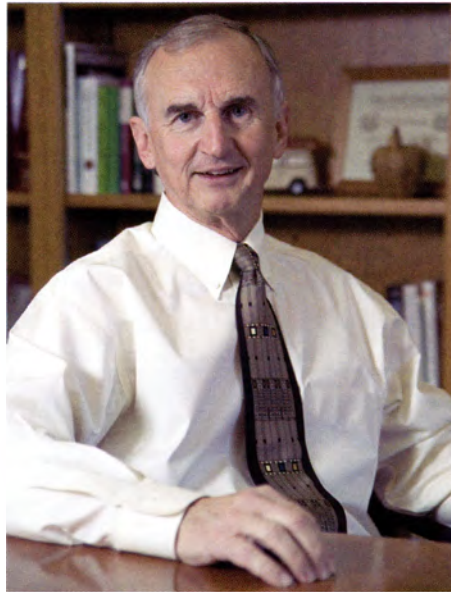
But how and why that relationship did not continue is where the story gets a bit dicey. WZON station manager, Dale Duff, believed that The ZONE Corporation's negotiations with Learfield were moving forward and he was completely surprised when he got word that Clear Channel had received the Black Bear contract.

"We submitted a counterproposal two weeks before that," Duff says. "We had been talking with Learfield about a way that we could share revenue to make it work for both sides. We were told, 'We want you to continue with this—you do a great job.' They even referred to us as the 'heritage station'. The assumption was that they would exhaust all possibilities with The ZONE Corporation before they would move on."

Duff says he understands that Learfield wanted to talk with other radio stations, but he makes it clear that he doesn't think the company was entirely forthright with the folks at WZON. "Wouldn't you think that the University of Maine would want the company that was representing it to go to what they had designated as their heritage station and say, 'Hey this is our last offer—this is all we can do. Take some time and think about it before we move on.' But no, there was nothing like that from them. After 15 years of broadcasting games and helping the university, that's what we get?"

Steve Gowan, senior vice president at Learfield, has a different view of the WZON/Learfield negotiating process.

"Our team, in conjunction with Blake James and the UMaine athletic department conducted a thoughtful and exhaustive



UMaine president, Robert Kennedy

process to select a Bangor market affiliate for the Black Bear sports network," Gowan says. "We feel that we acted in good faith, providing the incumbent station several exclusive opportunities to continue the affiliation."

The Kings' ownership of WZON adds another dimension to the story, although Duff says he would feel the same no matter who owned the station.

"In all my interviews, I don't even bring the Kings' ownership up," he said. "Whether it's Stephen King or just Joe Smith, I just think it's a poor business practice. I'm saying what a lot of people have said—you have to look at this deal from a wider perspective."

The fact is, however, that you can't really remove the Kings from the picture. For many people, they are the main story. Stephen King is arguably the most well-known graduate in the university's history. His association with the university raises its visibility around the world. His and Tabitha's generosity once saved the swim team and has given a boost to UMaine women's sports. The couple's \$4 million pledge to the college of liberal arts lifted the spirits of the entire institution during one of the worst of the 1990s budget crunches. And Stephen's participation in UMaine graduations, convocations,

classes, and other events has inspired thousands of UMaine students.

One other point: According to Duff, the Kings actually got into the radio business, somewhat at the behest of the UMaine athletic department, because at the time (early '90s), it was in jeopardy of not having its games on the air.

While the new approach to marketing UMaine sports may prove to be a very beneficial thing, one question continues to mystify some. Before the deal was finalized, did anyone involved think of contacting the Kings directly and explaining the situation? According to at least two UMaine people who were involved, the surprising answer is no. They just didn't anticipate that it would be a problem.

UMaine president, Robert Kennedy, appointed assistant vice president for finance, Elaine Clark, to look into Learfield's negotiations with WZON and Clear Channel. She found that the process was done, "Entirely by the book—there was nothing incorrect or improper."

But Kennedy admitted that mistakes were made on the public relations side and he was quick to offer an apology.

"The Kings deserve better treatment than we afforded them," he said. "I recognize—as do all of us at UMaine that they are among the most important alumni and supporters UMaine has ever had."

But it was obvious from the Kings' own public statements that damage had been done.

"Tabby and I feel we were treated shabbily by the athletic department, and have serious questions about whether the negotiations were done in good faith. We feel the community was treated even more shabbily," Stephen King wrote.

But he also noted that they would still consider financial support to worthy university causes in the future.

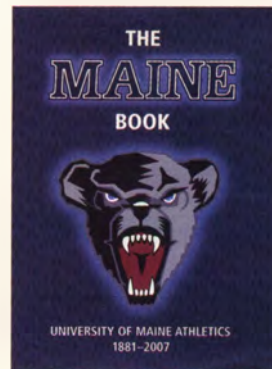
President Kennedy stated that the university "learned important lessons and will do better in the future."

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